2014 Andaman boat disaster

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| **2014 Andaman Boat Disaster** | |
| **Date** | January 26, 2014 |
| **Location** | "Aqua Marine" (tourist boat), near [Port Blair](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Blair), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) |
| **Cause** | Overloading |
| **Participants** | Crew and 45 passengers |
| **Outcome** | Boat capsized |
| **Deaths** | 22[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Andaman_boat_disaster#cite_note-PIB-1) |

**2014 Andaman boat disaster** was an incident which occurred on 26 January 2014, when a tourist boat capsized near [Port Blair](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Blair), [Andaman and Nicobar islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andaman_and_Nicobar_islands), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India), killing 22 people.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Andaman_boat_disaster#cite_note-PIB-1) The boat "Aqua Marine" was carrying 45 tourists from [Tamil Nadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_Nadu) and [Mumbai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai).

Accident[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=2014_Andaman_boat_disaster&action=edit&section=1" \o "Edit section: Accident)]

The boat "Aqua Marine" was carrying 45 tourists from India from [Ross Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ross_Island_(Andaman)) to North Bay when it sank and at least 21 people lost their lives.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Andaman_boat_disaster#cite_note-business-2) The capacity of the boat was 25 and overloading of the boat resulted in the tragedy.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Andaman_boat_disaster#cite_note-business-2) The boat sank at a distance of about 2.5 km from the shore of Port Blair and majority of the tourists were from [Tamil Nadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_Nadu).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Andaman_boat_disaster#cite_note-kumar-3) The administration of the Island group was busy with Republic Day of India and learnt the news at 4.30 p.m. on 26 January 2014.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Andaman_boat_disaster#cite_note-kumar-3) More than 29 people were rescued by district administration while one was still missing. Rescued were admitted to G B Pant hospital. The boat had no life jackets and there were no divers on board.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Andaman_boat_disaster#cite_note-detain-4)

Reports say that two months before this Accident, a tourist wrote a letter to the union tourism ministry about the lack of safety standards in Andaman islands’ tourism circuit.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Andaman_boat_disaster#cite_note-5)

Aftermath[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=2014_Andaman_boat_disaster&action=edit&section=2)]

Andaman and Nicobar Islands administration announced a 100,000 Indian Rupee ex-gratia payment to the family of the deceased tourists.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Andaman_boat_disaster#cite_note-business-2) India's then Prime Minister [Manmohan Singh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manmohan_Singh" \o "Manmohan Singh) and [Tamil Nadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_Nadu) Chief Minister [Jayalalithaa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jayalalithaa" \o "Jayalalithaa) expressed their grief over the accident, while Jayalalithaa also announced a compensation of 100,000 Indian Rupees each to the families of dead.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Andaman_boat_disaster#cite_note-leadersreaction-6) Owner of the boat and two others were detained by the law enforcing agencies for enquiry.