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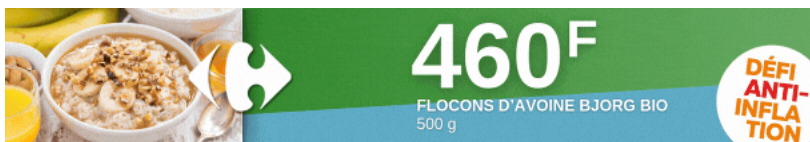
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Lima, Peru | AFP | Sunday, March 15, 2025 - A 61-year-old Peruvian fisherman was found alive in international waters after drifting for 94 days and left the hospital on Saturday, the Peruvian Navy confirmed to AFP.

An Ecuadorian vessel spotted Maximo Napa's small artisanal fishing boat on Tuesday, drifting off the port of Chimbote in northern Peru, according to Peruvian Navy port

captain Jorge González.

"Mr. Napa arrived in good physical condition. He could walk, wash himself. Shocked, but in good physical condition," he said. He was released from the Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes de Paita hospital on Saturday, he added.

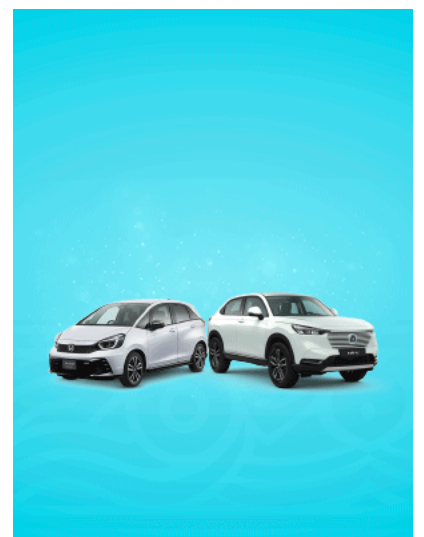
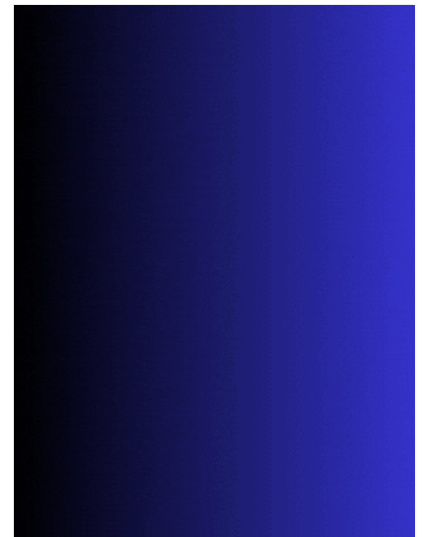
The fisherman had set sail on December 7 from the port of San Juan de Marcona, in Ica. But bad weather conditions and the current caused him to lose his bearings. His small boat, which lacked a radio beacon, ended up in the open sea.

"It's a miracle they found my dad (...). We never lost hope," his daughter, Ines Napa, told RPP radio station.

Maximo Napa survived by eating cockroaches, birds, and a turtle, according to a tearful account he gave to local media on Friday evening upon his return to Peru.

"I didn't want to die for my mother. I have a two-month-old granddaughter, and I held on to that. Every day I thought about my mother," he said.

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