

# THE NEWSCAST

## ‘ITALY: MORE THAN 3,000 MIGRANTS ARRIVED ON LAMPEDUSA ISLAND IN TWO DAYS’

Italian media reported that more than 3,000 arrived on Lampedusa between Friday and Saturday, August 25 and 26, with some 4,121 at the island's only reception center." As Italian officials sounded the alarm, declaring that they cannot receive more arrivals and asking the European Union to provide a helping hand, more than 3,000 immigrants landed on the coast of the Italian island of Lampedusa between Friday and Saturday, August 25 and 26, according to Italian media, indicating the number of immigrants residing in the center of shelter on the island reached 4,121 immigrants. On Saturday, August 26, 1,798 arrivals were recorded, while on Friday, August 25, 918 immigrants were residing in the center in the past about 1,000. The Italian media indicated that most of the boats departed from the coast of one Tunisian, with the exception of three groups from the coastal city of Tunisia Lampedusa can no longer take in more refugees, according to Agriganto District Governor Filippo Romano, with a maximum of 400 people in the island's only shelter center. "Although the Italian Red Cross has been working on equipping additional facilities so that the center can accommodate more, thousands cannot stay there.



## 10 SMUGGLING ATTEMPTS PER WEEK

Yesterday, the Lebanese Army thwarted an attempt to migrate illegally from the beach of Minieh. Also yesterday, the army carried out raids on a number of houses in the town of Al-Kuweikhat and its surroundings in search of a smuggler. The raids were still ongoing, without announcing the arrest of anyone.

Illegal immigration has increased recently from the beaches of the north, starting from the coast of Akkar, passing through Tripoli and reaching Shikka and Batroun. These aggravated operations come at a time when the country is living through the most dangerous stages of financial and



living collapse, which discourages young people, who then rush to venture on unsafe boats in search of a decent life in European countries, despite all the obstacles, obstacles and dangers surrounding the immigration boats used to smuggle illegal immigrants. The attempts have continued and have not stopped, including the boat that sailed from Libya towards Italy, where some 144 Lebanese and Palestinian immigrants are living in the country. The sources also mentioned that the Lebanese and Syrian boat was shot at the Lebanese and Lebanese vessel was intercepted The Libyans worked to drag the boat to Libya where the migrants were held and interrogated.

## THE SEA SPILLS FOUR IN TANTAN



The waters of the Atlantic Ocean near the coast of Tan-Tan dumped four bodies on the beach. It is believed that these immigrants hail from sub-Saharan African countries, and it is assumed that they were victims of a capsizing irregular immigration boat on board on their way to the Spanish islands. According to media sources, this incident occurred on Al-Wattia beach, Where the security authorities mobilized the various concerned parties that moved to the site of the accident. The bodies were transferred to the mortuary in the regional hospital in Tan-Tan, and an investigation will be opened into the incident under the supervision of the competent Public Prosecution.

## Security of Agadir Dismantles Network for Migration and Human Trafficking

On Friday, August 25, members of the anti-gang brigade in the province of Akkadir, based on precise information provided by the services of the general directorate for monitoring the national territory, were able to arrest three people between the ages of 30 and 43, on suspicion of being linked to a criminal network active in organizing illegal migration and human trafficking. The suspects were arrested at the Enzkan Road Station, in flagrante delicto carry out an illegal migration operation for eight candidates, who were caught on a passenger bus heading to a southern city of the Kingdom, on the basis of being forced out by sea routes. The organizers of illegal immigration and the rest of the candidates were kept under theoretical guard pending judicial search conducted under the supervision of the competent public prosecution, in order to identify all the circumstances of the case and its implications, as well as its implications The continuing efforts of the Directorate General of National Security and the Directorate General of National Territorial Surveillance to combat illegal migration and human trafficking.



**“AMBASSADOR NAELA GABR: EGYPT HAS ACHIEVED GREAT SUCCESSES IN COMBATING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION”**

The head of the National Coordinating Committee for Combating and Preventing Illegal Immigration and Human Trafficking, Ambassador Naela Gabr, confirmed that Egypt attaches great importance to the issue of combating illegal immigration and smuggling of migrants, and has already achieved great successes. Admittedly, with regard to the regional conference, organized by the National Coordinating Committee for Combating and Preventing Illegal Immigration and Human Trafficking, in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration, entitled ‘The Regional Conference for the Exchange of Experiences and Best Practices in Addressing Illegal Migration and Providing Assistance to Smuggled Immigrants, Especially Unaccompanied and Separated Children,’ after Tomorrow / Monday /, in the Red Sea Governorate, with the participation of representatives of 27 countries from Europe, Africa and North America. Within the framework of implementing the National Strategy to Combat Illegal Immigration (2016-2026) and Goal No. (8) of the strategy, which is concerned with strengthening regional cooperation; The head of the National Committee highlighted the importance of regional cooperation, noting that Egypt and the National Committee in particular have given this issue - recently - a special priority because confronting unorganized crime would be difficult to confront without regional cooperation, especially with regard to exchanging experiences and exchanging success stories and best practices. Also, in the areas related to judicial and security cooperation, Ambassador Naela Gabr said that since 2016, no illegal immigration vessel has left Egypt. Which is a great success.



**“TUNISIA: 15-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR A TERRORIST SPECIALIZING IN EXPLOSIVES!”**

The Tunisian specialized court in terrorism cases issued a verdict yesterday, Friday, sentencing a Tunisian terrorist to 15 years in prison. The terrorist, who is involved in the media wing of ISIS in Tunisia, glorifies the organization and recruits Tunisian youth to fight for them. He also encourages them to join ISIS in the mountains of western Tunisia. Furthermore, the authorities announced the foiling of 6 illegal migration operations and the arrest of around 300 migrants from various African and Sub-Saharan countries, as well as Tunisians, all in one night. Security and judicial investigations revealed that the accused, known as "Abu," has expertise in explosives manufacturing, acquired through his communication with active elements in Syria. He has been charged by ISIS with radicalizing the youth and pushing them to embark on unsafe boat journeys in search of a better life in European countries, despite the obstacles and dangers associated with illegal migration. Although efforts to smuggle illegal immigrants continue, they have not been halted. One of the attempts involved a boat that sailed from El-Areesh towards Libya, with the intention of reaching Italy. It carried around 144 Lebanese, Syrian, and Palestinian migrants. Sources reported that a Libyan vessel intercepted the Lebanese boat near Malta and opened fire, damaging its engine. The Libyans then towed the boat to Libya, where the migrants were detained and interrogated. During the initial questioning by the counter-terrorism unit of the Tunisian security forces, the accused admitted to disseminating promotional materials for ISIS and encouraging people to fight for the organization through accounts on the Telegram and Facebook platforms. These actions contribute to the economic and living collapse that affects the region.



**"OCEAN VIKING" RESCUES 272 MIGRANTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**



The NGO explained that "the tests medical continues aboard the ship Thursday, the "Ocean Viking" rescued the ship it is chartered by SOS Mediterranean 272 people, including nine children, They were on three boats in international waters off Libya, as announced Friday, she said the Marseille-based humanitarian organization "Among Of these 272 survivors, 32 are minors unaccompanied, nine children and five People with disabilities," explaining that they are from "23 Nationality," the non-governmental organization explained "Medical examinations continue on board" since Thursday, the central region has been at sea the Mediterranean is the most dangerous migration route in the world, according to the International Organization for Migration, the agency estimates , of the United Nations that since the beginning of 2023 2013 immigrants were lost in this region, compared to 1417 throughout the year 2022.

**New German Nationality Law: One Step Away from Approval... What Has Changed?**

After approximately a year of proposing the new citizenship law project, the German cabinet approved the project. This law not only maintains the requirements for obtaining German citizenship but also allows for multiple citizenships and provides other facilitations. Since the fall of 2021, the governing coalition composed of the Social Democratic Party, the Greens, and the Free Democratic Party has been working on preparing the new citizenship law project. "Migrant News" will address the most important points that may change after the parliament approves the project. What are the prominent changes in the new citizenship law? In principle, obtaining another citizenship in addition to German citizenship will be easier than before. This means that obtaining German citizenship will be possible without giving up one's previous citizenship if the person desires to retain it.



## **POLAND WILL HOLD A REFERENDUM IN OCTOBER ON HOW TO DEAL WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.**

The office of Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki announced that the ruling party plans to conduct a referendum asking voters whether they support accepting thousands of illegal immigrants from the Middle East and Africa as part of the European Union. The Prime Minister announced the referendum plans in a new video posted on social media. The Polish government wants to hold the referendum alongside the parliamentary elections scheduled for October 15. In June, EU interior ministers approved a plan for shared responsibility for migrants entering Europe without permission from individual countries. Opposition politician Robert Biedroń argued that the migration issue is futile because participation in the EU mechanism is not mandatory and can be replaced with other forms of shared responsibility. Meanwhile, Poland itself may be eligible for support or exemption from its contribution due to the large number of Ukrainian refugees. Over a million people entered



the bloc, most fleeing the conflict in Syria, before the asylum system in Europe collapsed and reception capacities in Greece and Italy became overwhelmed, resulting in one of the most serious political crises in the European Union.

## **MORE THAN 270 MIGRANTS RESCUED OFF THE TURKISH COAST**

According to Turkish media, some of the migrants were pushed into Turkish waters by the Greek Coast Guard. Turkish media reported on Friday that the Turkish Coast Guard rescued more than 270 migrants, noting that some of them were returned by the Greek authorities to Turkish territorial waters.

The Turkish Coast Guard Command said in a statement published on its website, that it had rescued 140 migrants in the Aegean Sea after the Greek authorities blocked their boats in the states of Bodrum and Dalaman, indicating that they were transferred to the port city of Moggla. It also said that a total of 57 migrants were rescued by the Greek Coast Guard in



addition to the coast of Turkey, in the western Dokle, and the coast of Turkey "Separately, the Coast Guard rescued 10 migrants who were drifting at sea after their boat engine broke down off the coast of Gomik in Balikesir province, accusing Greece of pushing back and sinking migrant boats Greek authorities are facing much criticism from human rights organizations over their practices of pushing back migrants at land and sea borders, the EU Rights Watch announced on Wednesday 26 July 2023, opening an investigation into the shipwreck and sinking of hundreds of migrants, and whether the EU Border Protection Agency (FRONTEX) lost the lives of the migrants off Greece last June, when the vessel sank.

## **HUNDREDS OF IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE ON SEPARATE ISLANDS IN GREECE**



The Greek Coast Guard announced the arrival of over 300 migrants to the islands near the Turkish coast in separate incidents over the past three days. The Coast Guard stated in a statement that "authorities found 107 individuals on Wednesday on the islands of Samos, Mykonos, and the small island of Ro, located in the Mediterranean Sea off the southern coast of Turkey." The Coast Guard also reported that "another 109 individuals arrived on Wednesday on the islands of Lesvos, Rhodes, Samos, and Santorini, while 118 others arrived on Tuesday on the islands of Ro, Rhodes, and Lesvos." The Coast Guard clarified that "the majority of the migrants were rescued near the coast using patrol boats, rubber dinghies, or other vessels, and they were all transported to migrant reception centers." Greek authorities discovered the bodies of 18 individuals suspected to be migrants in a forest affected by fires in northeastern Greece.

## **“Algeria: Dismantling a criminal network for smuggling migrants and arrests 18 members’ ”**

Algerian authorities have arrested 18 individuals, including six Moroccans, involved in smuggling migrants to Europe by sea. The Algerian National Gendarmerie successfully dismantled a criminal network engaged in migrant smuggling and organizing secret sea crossings. According to the gendarmerie, this operation led to the arrest of 18 individuals, including six Moroccans and 12 Algerians. This operation was carried out based on intelligence information indicating that suspicious individuals were preparing to carry out a secret sea crossing. The gendarmerie units collaborated with the coast guard to plan and execute this operation. In addition to these arrests, a tourist boat equipped with an 80-horsepower engine was seized, along with a sum of €4,206.



## **THE NUMBER OF MIGRANTS WILL INCREASE TO 216 MILLION BY 2050 DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

In a recent report on the impact of climate change on water availability in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, the non-governmental organization Oxfam predicted that rates of chronic malnutrition will rise by 30% in the ten countries most affected by the climate crisis, and indicated that the number of climate migrants worldwide could rise to 216 million by 2050. Oxfam, in its report issued on Tuesday, August 24th, indicated that famine is expected to increase by one third in 10 of the most hot climate regions in the world, namely Somalia, Haiti, Djibouti, Kenya, Niger, Afghanistan, Guatemala, Madagascar, Burkina Faso and Zimbabwe, by 2050, as a result of climate change, and added that Oxfam may cause 16 million of climate change to reach the world migrants. By 2050, 86 million of them were in sub-Saharan Africa. Oxfam's report focused on the impact of climate change and water availability in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. The report looked at the devastating effects of the water crisis caused by global warming, alternating droughts and floods that are always more violent in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, which will lead to a rapid increase in the spread of hunger, forced migration and pandemics. Three billion people are without water by mid-century. Oxfam warned that the world's current population of two billion without access to water will rise to 3 billion by mid-century, due to the effects of climate change on water availability in wider and more vulnerable areas. Oxfam has warned that the world's current two billion people without access to water will rise to 3 billion by mid-century, due to the effects of climate change on water availability in wider and more vulnerable areas.



## **Lebanon: Foiling an attempt to infiltrate 850 Syrians across the border in an illegal way**

The Lebanese army said it foiled an attempt by 850 Syrians to illegally cross the Lebanese-Syrian land border over the past week. The Lebanese army said in a statement Monday that the arrests are part of efforts to combat people smuggling and illegal infiltration across the land border. On Wednesday, the Lebanese army said it foiled a week-long infiltration attempt by about 700 Syrians near the Lebanese-Syrian border.



## **European Commission expresses concern over migrant influx into Italy, promises help to tackle challenges**

The European Commission expressed its serious concern over the increase of immigrants arriving in Italy, and confirmed that it is cooperating with the Italian authorities to help face the challenges of migration, a spokesman for the European Commission said yesterday, Thursday, that "the Commission is aware of the increase in arrivals in the central Mediterranean, and Italy in particular, and is very concerned about this." The spokesman added that "the Commission is working with the Italian authorities to help alleviate the overcrowding at the Lampedusa Reception Center, by providing means of air transport possibilities for vulnerable migrants from the island to other places on the Italian territory," adding that "the Commission is aware of the pressure on the reception system in



Italy, and has supported it in facing the challenges of migration, and is ready to do so again by sea to its southern shores so again by sea to its southern shores since the beginning of the year, putting the reception system under strain, and approximately 105,909 migrants have arrived by sea since the beginning of 2023 to date, according to Interior Ministry figures updated as of 23 August, compared to 51,328 in the same period last year, the commitment of European agencies in Italy and the EU agencies, Frontex, EU Asylum Agency and Europol, to deploy 450 people in Italy." Furthermore, EU Commissioner for Home Affairs Elva Johansson provided "further support to the Italian authorities last July, when she visited Lampedusa accompanied by the Italian Minister of Interior Matteo Piandozzi" and this has already translated into concrete results, with more than €14 million funded by the EU for a new project and IOM currently supporting the Italian authorities, to ensure adequate hosting conditions during emergencies and safe transport to other hosting centers in Italy, for migrants arriving in Lampedusa.

**FRENCH AUTHORITIES AGAIN CONTACT SYRIAN CONSULATE, SEEK TO CARRY OUT DEPORTATIONS?**

For the third time, postal correspondence revealed that French authorities were contacting the Syrian consulate in Paris to verify the identity of a young man claiming to be Syrian, despite the official announcement of an 11-year freeze in diplomatic relations between the two countries. "Associations decry this official outreach, noting that it could endanger Syrians, and question the feasibility of detaining Syrians in deportation centers, as long as no deal with the Syrian regime is announced that would allow Paris to deport Syrians back to their country on August 17 French authorities have detained a person claiming to be a Syrian citizen in the northwestern city of Rennes, the capital of Brittany province." In order to verify his identity, the authorities have begun to communicate with the Syrian Consulate in Paris, even though this is "illegal", according to human rights organizations La Semad, which provides administrative assistance to foreigners. After reviewing the correspondence, it was revealed that the French police arrested a 29-year-old man and transferred him to the administrative detention center. On 19 August, the Judge of Liberties and Detention approved the extension of his detention for an additional 28 days. The authorities place a foreigner who refused his asylum or did not have valid residency papers in an administrative detention center (Centre de Rétention Administratif), pending the completion of routine procedures for his transfer to his home country, after coordination with the embassy concerned. The recent practice of the French authorities has alarmed lawyers for a number of reasons, most notably that the police governorate communicated with the Syrian consulate and provided it with personal information, although Paris did not announce the restoration of diplomatic relations with the Syrian regime, and there were no changes to the French government's announcement in March 2012 of the suspension of diplomatic relations and the closure of the Syrian embassy in protest against the Syrian regime's repressive methodology.



**Cyprus: 21 people arrested after clashes between migrants and citizens**

In the Klorakas region west of Cyprus, clashes between citizens and migrants have erupted over the last two days, resulting in the arrest of 21 people." The Cypriot police arrested 21 persons late on Monday, 28 August, following violent clashes between migrants and residents in the west of the island, where a large number of asylum-seekers live. The police said they arrested migrants and local residents after the second night of clashes in the village of Klorakas, about 155 kilometers west of the capital Nicosia. Monday night's events followed a peaceful migrant sit-in to protest against violence late on Sunday, 27 August, when masked persons damaged property and vehicles belonging to non-Cypriots. Tension escalated after the dispersal of the protest, with the police breaking up migrant groups and Cypriots using tear gas and water cannons. One police officer was slightly injured due to several



years of tension, which was reported to have been caused by a bomb explosion in the Klorca and a non-related incident "The island's interior ministry says that settling in this area is banned for new arrivals in 2021, and authorities said last week they would evacuate a real estate complex where hundreds of migrants live without electricity or running water." Sunday's unrest was preceded by a demonstration of some 300 people on a central street in Cloracas calling for an end to illegal immigration. A number of participants later broke away from the main part of the demonstrators and damaged property, police said  
 Cyprus: "Arrivals decline not matched by development in reception system" Increased numbers of immigrants arriving to the Mediterranean island and Cyprus has seen a significant rise in arrivals of illegal immigrants and asylum seekers in recent years, although the rate of increase has diminished this year. Syrians make up 20% of the total migrant population in Cloracas. refugees in the area, according to local residents.

**UK: Three Involved in Migrant Smuggling Jailed**

Three men who helped smuggle migrants through the English Channel on small boats were sentenced to prison in October 2022, and a fourth defendant from Albania will be given a further sentence by the Nottingham Court, according to the National Crime Agency of the United Kingdom. "Tackling organized migration is a priority for the National Commission against Crime, and we will continue to target people smugglers in the United Kingdom and abroad," commented NCA official Derek Evans, following the Nottingham Court's sentencing of three men, two from Albania and one British, aged 45-52, who organized the transit of migrants from Belgium and France to the United Kingdom in October 2022. The National Agency for Combating Migration added the possibility of prison sentences for a fourth man from Albania, Mertaj, who worked with the group. The agency also noted that each of these men (Tirshana, Shinaj, Rice, and Mertaj) was important, as Tirshana organized and raised money, while Mertaj, Rayess, and Shinaj facilitated the migrants' stay in Europe and their move to the United Kingdom. Belgian authorities arrested Mirage and Rice while attempting to load 12 immigrants on a boat to travel from there to the United Kingdom. They will be tried later.

