

# THE NEWSCAST

## THE OLD CONTINENT FIGHTS "IRREGULAR MIGRATION"

The European Union countries have adopted a policy against irregular migration, with many nations taking steps towards deporting migrants either back to their home countries or to third-party nations. Some countries have begun to establish residency for asylum seekers, allowing them to reside on anchored ships until their requests are processed.

Britain, Austria, and Italy have agreed to transfer irregular migrants to third countries, while France is working on legislation imposing strict restrictions on immigrants.



### BRITAIN REJECTS THE "SUPREME COURT RULING" ON THE LEGALITY OF DEPORTING IRREGULAR IMMIGRANTS. AND VOWS TO CONTINUE THE PLAN OF SENDING THEM TO RWANDA.

The British government has affirmed its commitment to implementing its plan to send irregular immigrants and asylum seekers to the African country of Rwanda, despite the UK Supreme Court's ruling rejecting their deportation as illegal. The court argued that the migrants would not be safe and could face a real risk of mistreatment or be forced to return to conflict-ridden homelands from which they fled.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak rejected the court's ruling, considering it an outcome they did not want. He pledged to continue the plan to prevent irregular migrants from reaching Britain via the English Channel, stating that the first deportation flights would occur by next spring.

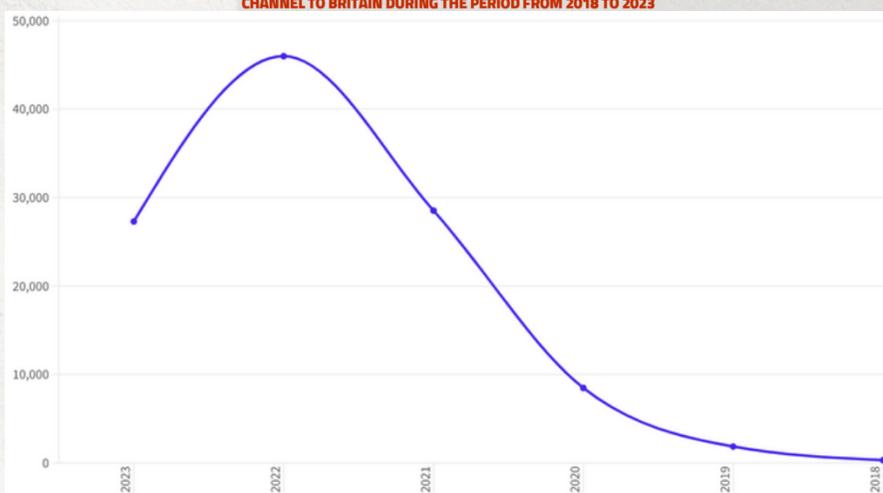
Sunak also threatened to reconsider withdrawal from international human rights treaties if legal challenges to the plan persist. He emphasized the commitment to a binding treaty with Rwanda to address the court's concerns regarding the safety of migrants.

Despite the British government's determination to proceed with the deportation plan, there is societal opposition, with critics deeming the plan unethical. The British opposition described the court's ruling as evidence of British values embodied in mercy and dignity.

Rwanda, located in East Africa, has rejected 100% of asylum applications from Syrians, Yemenis, and Afghans. The country is also associated with the 1994 genocide, during which 800,000 people were killed. At that time, the British government warned Rwandan citizens living in the UK of documented plans to harm them.

In 2022, the British government signed an agreement with Rwanda aimed at deporting irregular immigrants from Britain to Rwanda, allocating £140 million for this purpose. However, since the agreement, not a single deportation flight has taken place, following the last-minute cancellation of the first deportation flight in June 2022.

**THE NUMBER OF IRREGULAR IMMIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED VIA THE ENGLISH CHANNEL TO BRITAIN DURING THE PERIOD FROM 2018 TO 2023**



SOURCE: UK MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

### ITALY INITIATES ITS PLAN TO ESTABLISH ACCOMMODATION CENTERS FOR MIGRANTS IN ALBANIA.



The Italian government has signed an agreement with its Albanian counterpart aimed at establishing migrant centers in Albania, intending to become a "model for cooperation between European Union countries and non-EU member states regarding the management of migration flows." Italy's Prime Minister, Giorgia Meloni, stated that the agreement is designed to combat human trafficking, prevent irregular migration flows, and only admit individuals who already have the right to international protection in Europe.

Under the agreement signed by Meloni and Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama in Rome, migrants rescued by Italian authorities at sea will be transferred to Albania. This does not apply to migrants intercepted by search and rescue ships operated by non-governmental organizations, those who have already reached Italy, or vulnerable individuals such as minors, pregnant women, and those in distress.

The Italian government has ceased rescuing irregular migrants in distress at sea, and the only ship belonging to European Union countries is a German vessel scheduled to go out of service at the beginning of the next year, 2024. This means that migrants rescued by international relief organizations' ships will not be welcomed in Albania.

### Germany welcomes the deportation of irregular migrants to Albania

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz has announced his readiness to study the agreement concluded by Italy, which involves detaining migrants in Albania, noting that Albania will soon become a member of the European Union. Scholz considers the relocation of migrants to Albania as a step to address the issue of irregular migration "within the European family," stating that there is a need for a clear European approach to immigration policy "to correct past mistakes and establish a solidarity mechanism so that each country does not have to try to overcome challenges on its own."



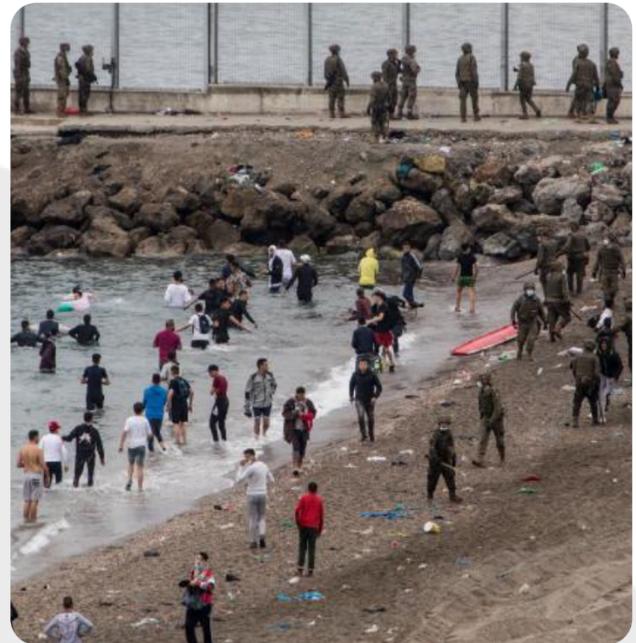
**MOROCCO FOILS THE ATTEMPT OF 461 ILLEGAL MIGRANTS TO ESCAPE TO THE CANARY ISLANDS IN A WEEK**

The Moroccan coastal surveillance forces yesterday successfully intercepted a boat carrying 274 candidates for illegal migration, located 290 kilometers south of the city of Dakhla. Among the migrants were 200 young individuals from Senegal, in addition to 72 individuals from various nationalities, along with two deceased individuals.

The forces reported that the boat had departed from the shores of Senegal, spending six days at sea en route to the Spanish Canary Islands. Moroccan authorities transported the deceased individuals to the morgue, while the remaining migrants underwent investigation to verify their identities.

This rescue operation marks the second within the same week, as the Moroccan navy previously rescued 189 other migrants and recovered three bodies aboard two boats destined for the Canary Islands.

It is worth noting that, according to the Spanish Ministry of Interior, 23,000 migrants have reached the Canary Islands since the beginning of the year until October 15. During the first two weeks of October alone, 8,561 migrants arrived at the Canary Islands, representing a record number since the migrant crisis of 2006.



**TRUMP KICKS OFF HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITH 'BANNING ENTRY FOR IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR DETENTION IN PRISONS'... AUTHORITIES WARN AGAINST RECRUITING AMERICAN YOUTH INTO SMUGGLING GANGS**

The police in Cochise County, Arizona, arrested two American youths on charges of transporting undocumented immigrants. The 18 and 19-year-old smugglers were apprehended when their truck was stopped on the highway in southern Arizona near Douglas. They were caught smuggling five individuals without proper identification, leading to their incarceration in La Paz County Jail, while the immigrants were handed over to Border Patrol.

Successive U.S. administrations have adopted an anti-illegal immigration policy. Former President Donald Trump, for instance, began his 2024 election campaign by outlining his plans against illegal immigration. He pledged to ban entry for citizens of predominantly Muslim countries, use Section 42 to deport asylum seekers, deport millions of immigrants, detain them in large camps pending their fate determination, and end birthright citizenship. President Joe Biden's campaign criticized these policies as extreme, racist, and harsh, aiming to sow fear and divide the American people.

It's noteworthy that U.S. border authorities have identified a significant recruitment of American teenagers to work with human smuggling gangs through social media. This has prompted state governments to implement educational plans to raise awareness about the dangers of involvement with human smuggling organizations.



**FRANCE FACILITATES THE 'EXPULSION OF IMMIGRANTS' WITH STRICT LAWS**



Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin has presented a new immigration law in France aimed at facilitating the expulsion of immigrants who do not wish to integrate and commit crimes. The laws in France see the new law as a balance between the left, favoring the expansion of immigrants' rights, and the right, supporting restrictions. The law is intended to ease the expulsion of undocumented immigrants and tighten asylum application conditions. However, it will also pave the way for regulating foreign workers. In anti-illegal immigration statements, Darmanin stated that the law concerns not showing sympathy for those immigrants "who exploit our generosity." He sees it as a guarantee for coexistence with those who do not harm anyone and who sing the French national anthem.

**Minister of Immigration: Egypt has succeeded in closing its borders to "irregular migration"**

Minister of Immigration, Ambassador Sahar Ghandour, stated that the Ministry of Immigration maintains constant communication with Egyptians abroad, as well as communication with Egyptians within the country who have a desire for illegal migration. This is done by correcting their misconceptions and rescuing them from a "bleak fate." In response to the question posed by many citizens to the Information and Decision Support Center at the Cabinet, "How do we protect our youth from the risks of illegal migration?" Ambassador Sahar Ghandour emphasized that combating illegal migration is an important focus for the ministry. She affirmed that the ministry acts quickly in response to distress calls from expatriate citizens who migrated illegally, such as incidents, boat drownings, or the exploitation of Egyptians who traveled illegally. The ministry collaborates with various authorities to rescue Egypt's sons and daughters.

Minister Sahar Ghandour added that one of the ministry's tasks is to correct the negative perceptions that lead some to resort to illegal migration as if it were a dream, including children aged 12 to 14. Even if their families are exposed to this bleak fate, the ministry aims to create alternatives for villages prone to illegal migration, providing options to avoid this inevitable fate. The Minister emphasized that Egypt has successfully secured all its borders, with no boats departing for illegal migration since 2016 and no unauthorized exits. Egyptians migrating illegally are mainly from 14 governorates with 72 villages. Instead of merely giving lectures, the Ministry of Immigration has launched initiatives, including the "Rescue Boats" initiative.



## **PAKISTAN FORCED 300,000 AFGHAN MIGRANTS TO LEAVE ITS TERRITORY**

Pakistan has opened three new border crossings to expedite the deportation of Afghans living in the country illegally. Nearly 300,000 Afghans have left Pakistan in recent weeks since authorities began detaining and deporting foreign nationals without valid documents after the October 31 deadline for undocumented immigrants to voluntarily leave the country.

The deportations mainly affect Afghans, who make up the majority of foreigners in Pakistan. The Pakistani government has announced the opening of five border crossings for Afghan crossings, with 15,000 Afghans crossing the border daily, as documented by the International Relief Agency.

Afghans are compelled to leave Pakistan for Afghanistan, which is not considered a safe country, due to Pakistani police raids, the demolition of migrants' homes, and a recent campaign that led to the arrest of 1,500 Afghans without valid documents.



## **TURKEY HOLDS A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE "GURBULAK BORDER CROSSING" TO REAFFIRM ITS REJECTION OF ILLEGAL MIGRATION**

The Turkish authorities have announced a comprehensive plan to prevent the flow of migration from Iran, with the Turkish Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya emphasizing that border security is a red line. The Turkish Interior Minister held a press conference at the Gurbulak Border Crossing, during which he affirmed a determined fight against illegal migration, smuggling, organized crime networks, and various other types of crimes, particularly counter-terrorism. He stated that holding the conference at the border crossing aims to inspect the Turkish-Iranian border, monitor the physical security systems at the Gurbulak Border Crossing and the border line between Agri and Iran, and assess the state of the security service to prevent any illegal migration flows, especially with the entry of Afghan migrants through this border strip.



## **COAST GUARD RESCUES 26 MIGRANTS AND SEARCHES FOR 46 MISSING IN THE RED SEA**

The Yemeni Coast Guard rescued 26 migrants of African nationalities in the Red Sea sector after their boat sank in international waters off the coast of Mokha, west of Yemen.

The boat, carrying 75 migrants, including women, sank due to severe winds, causing the boat's captain to lose control over it on the waves. This led to all passengers falling into the water. Currently, 49 of them remain missing.



## **Minister of Immigration Commends the Message "European Union Policies Towards Irregular Migration: A Case Study of Egypt, Tunisia, Libya"**

THE MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, MRS. SAHA GENDI, CALLS FOR OBTAINING UPDATED NUMBERS AND DATA FROM THE MINISTRY OF IMMIGRATION. SHE EMPHASIZES THE MINISTRY'S SUPPORT FOR THE RESEARCH INTEREST OF FUAD IN DEVELOPING THE HANDLING OF THE ISSUE. THE MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION UNDERSCORES THE CONTRIBUTION OF RESEARCH EFFORTS TO SUPPORTING THE DECISION-MAKING INDUSTRY. PROFESSOR DR. MOHAMED KAMAL STATES THAT THE RESEARCHER SHED LIGHT ON THE EUROPEAN UNION'S APPROACH TO ILLEGAL MIGRATION. DR. RANA ABDEL-AAL NOTES THE IMPORTANCE OF FOCUSING ON THE EUROPEAN UNION'S BEHAVIOR TOWARDS MIGRATION, ACCORDING TO THE STUDY.

AMBASSADOR SAHA GENDI, MINISTER OF STATE FOR IMMIGRATION AND EGYPTIANS ABROAD, PARTICIPATED AS A KEY DISCUSSANT AT THE INSTITUTE OF ARAB RESEARCH AND STUDIES. THE DISCUSSION REVOLVED AROUND THE MASTER'S THESIS PRESENTED BY RESEARCHER BASMA FUAD ANTAR ON "EU POLICIES TOWARDS IRREGULAR MIGRATION, 2010-2020, CASE STUDY: EGYPT-TUNISIA-LIBYA."

THE DISCUSSION PANEL WAS CHAIRED BY PROFESSOR DR. MOHAMED MUSTAFA KAMAL, AND DR. RANA ABDEL-AAL, BOTH PRAISING THE EFFORTS OF EGYPTIAN RESEARCHERS. THE MINISTER COMMENDED THE RESEARCHER'S FOCUS ON THE ISSUE OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION AND HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH EFFORTS IN CONFRONTING AND PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES.

MINISTER GENDI WELCOMED THE DISCUSSION COMMITTEE, PRAISING DR. KAMAL'S PROMINENT ROLE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IN EGYPT. SHE EMPHASIZED THE GLOBAL EVOLUTION OF MIGRATION ISSUES AND THE NEED TO ADDRESS THEM COLLECTIVELY. MINISTER GENDI HIGHLIGHTED EGYPT'S SUCCESS IN SECURING ITS COASTS SINCE 2016, RECEIVING WIDESPREAD ACCLAIM.

THE MINISTER POINTED OUT THE MINISTRY OF IMMIGRATION'S EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE "RESCUE BOATS" IN 72 VILLAGES IN 14 PROVINCES. SHE CALLED ON FUAD TO OBTAIN UPDATED STATISTICS ON ILLEGAL MIGRATION FROM THE MINISTRY TO SERVE AS A REFERENCE.

DR. MOHAMED MUSTAFA KAMAL PRAISED THE MINISTER'S COMMENTS DURING THE DISCUSSION, OPENING NEW HORIZONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH. DR. RANA ABDEL-AAL COMMENDED THE FOCUS ON NON-LEGAL MIGRATION, EMPHASIZING ITS IMPACT ON SOCIETY AND THE NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTIONS.

THE RESEARCHER, BASMA FUAD ANTAR, EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO MINISTER GENDI FOR HER PARTICIPATION, ACKNOWLEDGING EGYPT'S ROLE AS A TRANSIT AND DESTINATION COUNTRY. THE DISCUSSIONS HIGHLIGHTED THE GLOBAL NATURE AND DANGERS OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION, EMPHASIZING ITS IMPACT ON YOUTH AND ORGANIZED CRIME.

FUAD REVIEWED THE HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL CONTEXT OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION, FROM THE 19TH CENTURY INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS. EGYPT'S STATUS AS A TRANSIT, DESTINATION, AND SOURCE COUNTRY WAS DISCUSSED, CONSIDERING THE IMPACT OF POLITICAL EVENTS SINCE 2011.

BASMA FUAD ANTAR RECEIVED AN EXCELLENT GRADE FOR HER THESIS, WITH OVERALL VERY GOOD COMMENDATION FOR HER MASTER'S DEGREE.

