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A MIGRANT WAS KILLED AND EIGHT OTHERS WERE INJURED IN AN ARMED ATTACK ON A CAR IN NORTHERN MEXICO

On Monday, Mexican officials announced that one migrant was killed and eight others were injured when unknown gunmen opened fire on the vehicle they were traveling in, in the northern part of the country.

According to U.S. network ABC News, officials reported that the victim was a boy from southern Mexico, while the injured included Mexicans, as well as individuals from Ecuador and African countries.

Prosecutors in the northern state of Sonora clarified that the attack took place in the town of Tubutama, about 47 miles south of Sasabe, near the border with the U.S. state of Arizona.

The motives behind the attack remain unclear, but the area has previously experienced violence between rival gangs of migrant smugglers linked to drug cartels. It is noted that gangs in Mexico often extort money from smugglers transporting migrants through their territories and may sometimes attack migrants if these payments are not made.



SIGNIFICANT DROP IN MIGRANT ARRIVALS TO ITALY, RISE IN DEPORTATIONS

Italian Interior Minister Matteo Piantedosi announced a "significant decrease" in the number of migrants arriving in Italy, amidst an increase in migrant arrivals in Spain and Greece.

In a statement on August 15, Piantedosi noted that Italian authorities have arrested 118 human traffickers since January, including 40 who were working as boat drivers for migrants. He explained that this figure represents a 10% increase compared to the previous year and coincides with a significant drop in the number of migrants arriving in Italy.

According to the Ministry of the Interior's data, the number of migrants arriving on Italian shores in the first seven months of 2024 decreased by 62.36% compared to previous years. In contrast, Spain and Greece have seen a substantial increase in migrant arrivals.

The ministry also reported that migration flows through the Central Mediterranean route have dropped by 64%, and through the Balkan route by 75%. Meanwhile, arrivals via the Western and Eastern Mediterranean routes have increased, with a 153% rise in those heading to Spain and a 57% increase to Greece.

Regarding repatriation efforts, the ministry's data revealed a 19.7% increase in the number of people deported during the first seven months of this year, with the number rising from 2,572 in 2023 to 3,079 in 2024.

The report also noted a stable number of migrants who were unable to leave Tunisian shores, while the number increased for Libya. A separate section was allocated to border entries with Slovenia, with the reestablishment of border checkpoints from October 21, 2023, to December 18, 2024. Among the 503,718 individuals screened, 211 were arrested, including 108 for aiding and abetting illegal migration, and 3,846 undocumented foreigners were discovered

TEHRAN POLICE CHIEF DESCRIBES ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AS CRIMINALS, THREATENS TO PROSECUTE AND DEPORT THEM



On Monday, Tehran's Police Chief, Brigadier General Abbas Ali Mohammadian, described illegal foreign migrants as "criminals," vowing to pursue, arrest, and deport them from Iran.

In a press conference, General Mohammadian highlighted the increasing number of Afghans entering Iran illegally, emphasizing that all foreigners in the country must have official permits from the relevant security authorities. He added, "If they do not have a residency permit, their presence is illegal and considered a crime, and violators face heavy fines imposed by the Iranian Ministry of Labor." He also noted that police and traffic forces have increased their presence at the borders to address these cases, focusing primarily on those without any permits and those who have not renewed their residency.

Iranian media and officials indicate that this campaign targets refugees, particularly Afghans, who are present in large numbers in Iran.

Since the Taliban took power in 2021, Iran has seen a surge in the number of Afghan refugees, with Iranian authorities estimating that about 3 million people have entered the country illegally. Following the release of videos showing the arrest and mistreatment of Afghans by Iranian police, the Taliban has urged Afghans to return to their home country.

The Taliban has also called on Afghan migrants in other countries to return, offering assurances of necessary facilities in Afghanistan. The Taliban's Ministry of Refugees and Returnees claims that approximately 1,799,603 people have returned to Afghanistan from Iran, Pakistan, and other countries over the past year.

French authorities evacuate refugee camp on Mayotte, transfer migrants to other locations



French authorities continue to dismantle refugee camps in cities, recently clearing a camp located around the Cavari Stadium on Mayotte Island, which housed hundreds of people living in harsh conditions.

The camp, which sheltered around 200 asylum seekers and refugees, mostly from the Great Lakes region of Africa, was established after the dismantling of their previous camp last May, according to reports from "Migrants News," a refugee affairs agency.

In the early morning, French police from Mayotte, accompanied by officers and bulldozers, arrived to evacuate the camp completely.

Frédéric Sautron, the deputy prefect in charge of illegal immigration issues on Mayotte, announced that approximately 200 people were evacuated. All migrants were taken into consideration and transported to a location to determine their future destination. He explained that migrants whose asylum applications were rejected would be sent to detention centers, while accommodation would be provided for refugees and asylum seekers.

One migrant, Désiré, a Rwandan who had lived in the camp for several months, stated that asylum seekers were distributed to various locations on the island, with some being moved to remote areas of Mayotte.

The organization "Solidarity Mayotte," which deals with asylum seekers on the island, declined to comment on the operation and confirmed that it was not involved.

The migrants had been enduring extremely difficult living conditions, lacking water and living on the ground, making them vulnerable to diseases and attacks by "delinquent youths" armed with sticks and machetes.

Pascal, a 37-year-old migrant from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, stated that human rights were being completely violated in this situation, with increasing risks of cholera and daily attacks. The municipal police have pledged to remain vigilant to prevent the formation of new camps on the streets, and an order from the regional head has been issued to prohibit occupation of streets and sidewalks.



492 MIGRANTS CROSS ENGLISH CHANNEL IN ONE DAY, DEATH TOLL RISES TO 25 THIS YEAR

The UK Home Office announced that 492 migrants crossed the English Channel on nine boats on Saturday, August 17, arriving from French shores. This brings the total number of migrants reaching the UK this year to over 19,000.

Data from the department revealed that last week saw the arrival of 1,427 migrants in just seven days, with 703 arriving on Sunday alone, marking the highest daily figure since Keir Starmer became Prime Minister in early July.

French authorities reported that two migrants died while attempting to cross the Channel, raising the number of fatalities in the Channel this year to 25, including nine in the past month. As summer weather improves, crossing attempts have increased.

In related news, a recent survey showed that immigration has become the most important issue for Britons for the first time since 2016.



MALAYSIAN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT STERNLY WARNS: NO EMPLOYMENT OF ILLEGAL FOREIGNERS, STRICT ACTION AGAINST VIOLATORS

Putrajaya has issued a clear and firm warning to restaurants and businesses: avoid hiring illegal foreigners altogether, as the Malaysian Immigration Department will not tolerate employers who violate the law by hiring illegal migrants and will take strict measures against them.

The Director-General of Immigration, Datuk Ruslin Jusoh, stated that 900 employers, mostly Malaysians, were apprehended between January 1 and August 16 for hiring illegal foreigners. He added that during the same period, 11,903 inspections were conducted at 106,432 locations, resulting in the arrest of 29,030 illegal migrants for violating immigration and passport laws.

Ruslin confirmed that the Malaysian Immigration Department's future focus will be on tracking down employers who hire illegal migrants. He explained, "There are many of them. Who is giving them jobs? ... Our local employers. If they do not hire illegal migrants, we will not find them in the businesses."

He noted that he has received numerous complaints about the significant presence of illegal migrants in restaurants, and that employers who hire individuals without valid documents or those who have overstayed their legal residence will face strict actions.

He concluded by emphasizing that employers should seek legal and registered workers with the Immigration Department, warning, "A reminder to employers: never hire illegal migrants. This is a serious crime under immigration law. Anyone who wants to work must follow the proper procedures."

TRUMP VOWS TO SEND BACK ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IF ELECTED PRESIDENT



On Thursday, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump pledged to send illegal immigrants back to their home countries if elected President of the United States.

In a press conference held in New Jersey, Trump said, "I will send illegal immigrants back to their countries. Kamala Harris allowed twenty million illegal immigrants to enter and provided job opportunities for three million of them. Millions in the United States are suffering from poverty, and Harris ruined California when she was Attorney General."



Illegal immigration across Texas border down 87%, federal agents moved to other states

Austin — Illegal immigration across the Texas-Mexico border has decreased by 87%, according to a statement today by Mike Banks, the Border Affairs Advisor to Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

Banks explained that this decline has led the federal government to temporarily relocate some of its personnel from Texas to other ports of entry in Arizona, California, and New Mexico.

He noted that ports of entry in San Diego and Tucson have seen a 60% increase in traffic, while ports of entry in Texas have recorded a significant drop compared to last year.

Banks emphasized, "We are here to say: 'Don't try it in Texas.' We will not accept illegal entry into the state. If you want to come, it will be through legal means, or it won't happen"



REPORT: ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION COSTS MISSISSIPPI TAXPAYERS \$100 MILLION A YEAR

A new report by Mississippi State Auditor Shad White has confirmed that illegal immigration imposes a significant financial burden on state taxpayers, amounting to \$100 million annually. According to the report, approximately 22,000 undocumented individuals currently reside in Mississippi. The auditor's team used a formula focusing on the costs of education, healthcare, and public safety to determine the taxpayer expenditure on these individuals. One key figure in the report is that Mississippi spends around \$25 million annually on educating undocumented youth in K-12 schools. Data from the University of Mississippi's Population Studies Center shows that about 2,500 undocumented students receive their education in these schools, though this number may be imprecise due to the state's Department of Education not collecting information on students' or their families' citizenship status.

Additionally, the report indicates that taxpayers bear more than \$75 million for healthcare costs provided to undocumented individuals and their children. It notes that half of these undocumented individuals lack health insurance, leading them to rely on emergency services, which cost approximately \$4,100 per emergency room visit. The report also highlights that 2% of all births in Mississippi are to undocumented mothers, costing the state about \$4 million annually.

Furthermore, parents become eligible to apply for Medicaid coverage for their children after birth, resulting in many of these children being enrolled in Mississippi's Medicaid program, costing taxpayers an additional \$28 million annually.



BIDEN AFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION SPEECH

During his speech at the Democratic National Convention, U.S. President Joe Biden emphasized that he and Vice President Kamala Harris are committed to "supporting illegal immigration," in contrast to the immigration policies of the previous administration.

Speaking to the crowd in Chicago on Monday evening, Biden highlighted his record as the nation's leader, stating: "Unlike Trump, we will not demonize immigrants or label them as poisoning America's blood."

He continued: "Kamala and I are committed to supporting illegal immigration, including protecting Dreamers and taking additional steps."

Biden's comments referenced a previous instance when Republicans blocked an \$118 billion bill that included \$20 billion for securing the U.S.-Mexico border and making changes to immigration policy in February.

Newsweek reached out to Biden's team for a comment but has not yet received a response.



ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HONOR 'MAMA ROSA' AND PRAISE HER HUMANITARIAN ROLE IN CARING FOR IMMIGRANTS



Thousands of Moroccan undocumented migrants who crossed into Europe through Greece have described Rosa as the only person deserving of respect after their mothers. These migrants have expressed their deep gratitude to Rosa, the head of a charity that provided them with food, medical care, and shelter free of charge.

News of the illness of German Rosa, who is currently in a critical condition in her home country, has spread among many of the "harragas"—a term commonly used for undocumented migrants from North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa, and later extended to include migrants from Asia.

Migrants have praised Rosa on social media, recalling the significant services she provided over the years. These migrants, who traveled through Greece, Albania, Montenegro, and Bosnia, visited her charity's headquarters in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Rosa, who has become a symbol of humanity in the eyes of the migrants, personally provided medical care after their arduous journeys. She supplied them with medicine, clothing, and shelter at the charity. According to multiple testimonies, Rosa treated the migrants' wounds and provided them with supplies during their long, difficult journeys.

Fethi B. (32), who nearly died while crossing the border into Europe, said he will never forget "Mama Rosa's" help in Thessaloniki. After a failed attempt in Europe, he returned to Algeria but remains grateful for the care provided by Rosa.

In recent days, many "harragas," both those currently in Europe and those who have returned to their home countries, have shared their stories about "Mama Rosa," affirming that she is the only person deserving of respect after one's mother. They agreed that humanity transcends nationality.

It is worth noting that the term "harragas" typically refers to undocumented migrants from North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa, and has since expanded to include migrants from Asia.

Algerian gas tanker 'Tessala' rescues 30 migrants from sinking boat near Sardinia

On Tuesday, the Algerian LNG tanker "Tassal" (with a capacity of 171,000 cubic meters) rescued migrants from a boat that had sunk near the island of Sardinia after receiving an urgent call from the Italian Coast Guard.

The tanker received the distress call from the Italian Coast Guard around 2:00 PM while approaching Sardinia. The boat carrying undocumented migrants had sunk in the open sea.

The Algerian tanker promptly responded to the distress call and rescued 30 migrants of various nationalities. None of the migrants were Algerian, and the crew of "Tassal" provided them with care, food, and warm clothing.

By 3:30 PM, the Italian Coast Guard had taken over the migrants, expressing their deep gratitude to the crew of the Algerian tanker for their assistance. The ship then resumed its regular mission.

