

# THE NEWSCAST

## DEPORTATION OF 121 IRREGULAR MIGRANTS FROM LIBYA, INCLUDING SERIOUS MEDICAL CASES

The Illegal Migration Control Authority in Libya (Tobruk branch) announced the deportation of 121 irregular migrants of various nationalities, including some with serious medical conditions. The authority stated that the deported migrants were of Egyptian, Syrian, Sudanese, Pakistani, and Chadian nationalities. Among them, 18 cases of viral hepatitis were recorded, along with two cases of HIV (AIDS). The authority indicated that the deportation process was carried out through the Emsaed border crossing for Egyptian migrants, while other nationalities were deported via Benina Airport. This action is part of ongoing efforts to combat illegal migration and address the associated health challenges.



## GERMANY EXTENDS BORDER CONTROLS TO CURB ILLEGAL MIGRATION AMID UNDERSTANDING FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

Berlin extended its border controls on Monday, September 16, 2024, in an effort to curb illegal migration. This decision followed German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's discussions with neighboring countries, which expressed understanding regarding the anticipated expansion of these controls. German police have begun inspecting border crossings with Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Denmark, in addition to existing controls at borders with Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, and France. Interior Minister Nancy Faeser assured that these measures would not significantly disrupt traffic flow. The extension is part of efforts to manage the increasing number of migrants arriving in Germany and is set to last for six months, with the possibility of further extension. Despite criticisms that the move threatens the rules of the Schengen Area, Scholz and Faeser emphasized that the measures are essential for controlling irregular migration and protecting Germany's interests.

## EIGHT MIGRANTS DIE ATTEMPTING TO CROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL FROM FRANCE TO ENGLAND



French authorities announced today, Sunday, September 15, 2024, that eight people died while attempting to cross the English Channel from France to England, confirming earlier media reports. This incident follows the death of 12 migrants earlier this month when their boat capsized en route to Britain, highlighting the ongoing challenges faced by the UK and French governments in managing boat crossings. The Governor of the Pas-de-Calais region reported that the eight victims were adult men, and six others were rescued, including a ten-month-old infant suffering from hypothermia. The boat was carrying approximately 60 people of various nationalities, including Eritrean, Sudanese, Syrian, Afghan, Egyptian, and Iranian. The governor noted that only one in six passengers was wearing a life jacket and that the boat crashed after drifting onto a rocky area.

## Trump Repeats Attack on Immigrants, Accuses Them of Taking Over Springfield, Ohio



Republican candidate Donald Trump renewed his attack on undocumented immigrants on Saturday, claiming they have "taken over" the city of Springfield, Ohio. Trump's remarks came during a visit to the Police Protective Association in Las Vegas, where he added that he was unaware of recent bomb threats received by the city. Springfield had received bomb threats that led to the evacuation of several buildings, coinciding with Trump's claims during his debate with Kamala Harris that Haitian migrants were eating pets in the city, a claim that local authorities have denied. Trump described Springfield, once a beautiful city, as now living in "hell" due to undocumented immigrants, pledging mass deportations if elected. His statements have raised fears among Haitian migrants in the city, who now worry about potential racist violence following these unproven allegations.





## FALSE CLAIMS ABOUT IMMIGRANTS EATING PETS SPARK CONTROVERSY IN OHIO

J.D. Vance, the vice-presidential candidate in Donald Trump's campaign, escalated baseless claims that immigrants were eating pets in Springfield, Ohio, despite repeated denials from city officials. These allegations led to multiple security threats, prompting Wittenberg University in Springfield to cancel some events on Sunday due to threats targeting the Haitian community. In television interviews, Vance defended these false claims, stating that the media ignored them until he and Trump brought them up sarcastically.



### MOROCCO FACES ITS MOST SEVERE WAVE OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION TOWARD CEUTA

Moroccan authorities experienced an exceptional night as they confronted the largest wave of irregular migration toward the Spanish enclave of Ceuta, following calls that spread on social media. The authorities implemented an unprecedented preemptive plan, resulting in hundreds of arrests and preventing migrants from reaching the beaches of Fnideq and the Ceuta border. The measures included patrolling border areas by security forces, led by high-ranking officials, and deploying a helicopter to monitor the Mediterranean Sea. Local sources reported limited clashes between migrants, Moroccan forces, and some local residents in Fnideq.



### GREEK PRIME MINISTER CRITICIZES GERMANY'S TIGHTENED BORDER CONTROLS



Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis criticized Germany's decision to expand border controls, warning that the response to irregular migration cannot be the unilateral suspension of the Schengen Agreement. These criticisms follow Germany's announcement to tighten border surveillance with nine neighboring countries, citing security threats, including concerns over terrorism and crime. Mitsotakis expressed concern about placing the burden of these measures on countries at Europe's external borders. Meanwhile, the European Commission described the move as "exceptional" and stressed that it must be necessary and proportionate. These measures come as Germany faces increasing pressure to address irregular migration and terrorist attacks.

## UK Prime Minister Discusses Irregular Migration Crisis with Italian Counterpart in Rome

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer is visiting Italy to discuss the irregular migration crisis with his Italian counterpart, Giorgia Meloni, with a focus on Italian-Libyan cooperation to curb the flow of irregular migrants from North Africa. According to the BBC, the migration issue tops the agenda in the meeting between Starmer and Meloni, especially as Italy has succeeded in significantly reducing the number of migrants reaching its southern shores. Meanwhile, the UK continues to face major challenges in curbing the increasing flow of irregular migrants across the English Channel this year.





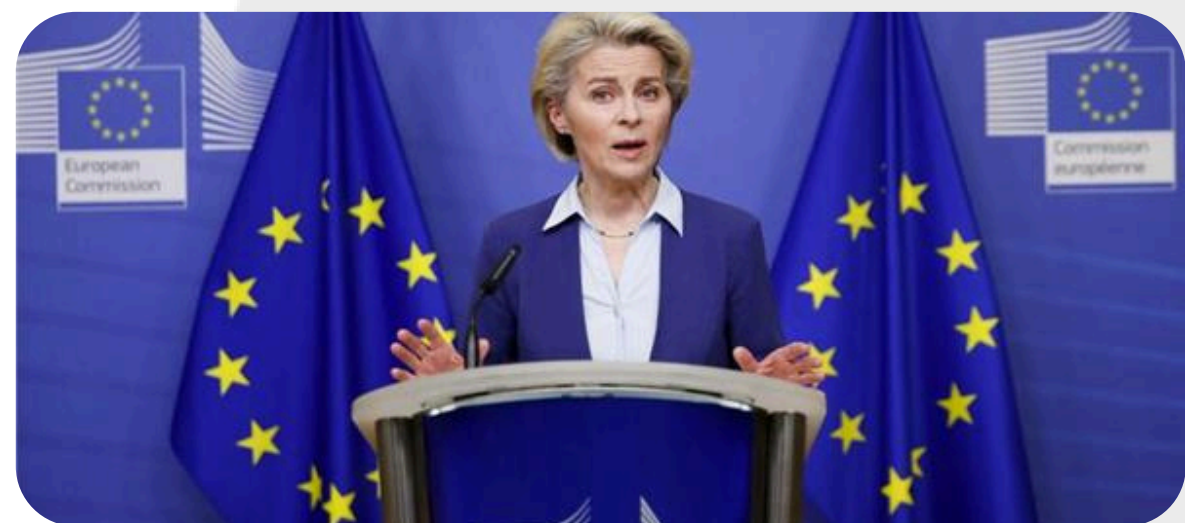
## **FOUR SUDANESE MIGRANTS DIE IN A CAR ACCIDENT IN SOUTHERN LIBYA**

Four irregular migrants, including a Libyan national, died after their vehicle overturned in the Al-Owainat area, south of the Libyan city of Kufra. Four others were injured and transported to Kufra Hospital, according to Ibrahim Belhassan, Director of the Ambulance and Emergency Department in Kufra. Belhassan noted that the process of transferring the bodies and injured took seven hours, highlighting the department's lack of resources, including insufficient ambulances and four-wheel-drive vehicles. Over the past few months, the department has handled 160 rescue cases for displaced individuals, including women, children, and the elderly. Meanwhile, the Janzour area in Tripoli is experiencing cautious calm following armed clashes and a temporary closure of the coastal road. Eyewitnesses reported that the road was reopened after several hours of closure due to the clashes.



### **URSULA VON DER LEYEN APPOINTS AUSTRIAN FINANCE MINISTER AS MIGRATION COMMISSIONER IN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

The Austrian Chancellery announced that European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has appointed Austrian Finance Minister Magnus Brunner to take charge of migration and internal affairs in the new European Commission. This announcement came after von der Leyen presented her new team and the distribution of roles in Strasbourg. The Chancellery also noted that Austrian Federal Chancellor Karl Nehammer supported Brunner's nomination for the position. Additionally, von der Leyen revealed that 40% of her new team consists of women, with the appointment of Spain's Teresa Ribera to the portfolio for competition and green and digital transformation, Finland's Hina Virkkunen as Vice President for sovereignty and security, and France's Foreign Minister Stéphane Séjourné for industry and the internal market.



### **HUNDREDS OF MIGRANTS LIVING IN HARSH CONDITIONS IN SFAX CAMPS, TUNISIA**



Hundreds of migrants are living in makeshift camps among olive groves near the city of Sfax, Tunisia, without any assistance or support. Many suffer from serious injuries due to clashes among themselves or with Tunisians, while others face severe illnesses such as cholera and typhoid. These camps, scattered along the road between Sfax and Jebeniana, lack access to clean drinking water and sanitation. Migrants have been living in chaotic and violent conditions since the evacuation of Sfax in the summer of 2023. The health situation continues to deteriorate daily, as living conditions worsen in these camps.

### **Deportation of Venezuelan Influencer Leonel Moreno Delayed Due to US-Venezuela Tensions**

The deportation of Venezuelan influencer Leonel Moreno, known on TikTok for advising undocumented migrants on how to "invade" American homes, has hit a deadlock due to ongoing diplomatic tensions between the United States and Venezuela. Despite a U.S. immigration judge ordering Moreno's deportation on September 9, it is currently unlikely to proceed. Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro's administration has halted the acceptance of deportation flights from the U.S. and Mexico in response to Washington's re-imposed economic sanctions on the country. Additionally, the number of flights between the two nations has been drastically reduced since late January, further complicating Moreno's deportation.

