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ITALY DEPORTS 19 ILLEGAL MIGRANTS, INCLUDING A DANGEROUS EXTREMIST, AS PART OF EFFORTS TO COMBAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

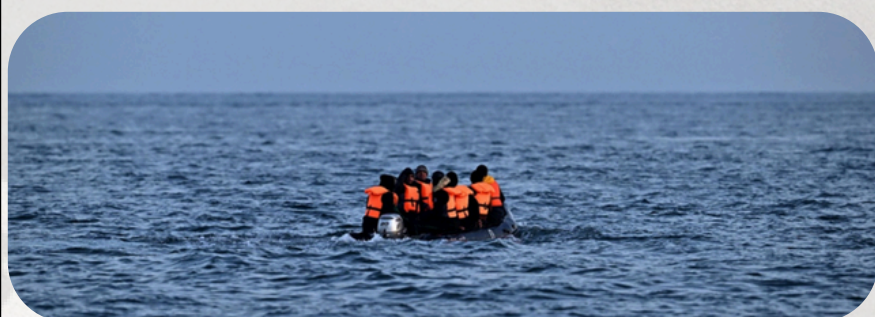
The Italian Ministry of Interior announced the deportation of 19 illegal migrants from Italy to their home countries. In a statement released on Monday, the ministry stated that among those deported was a dangerous extremist involved in a crime of forming a gang with the intent of terrorism. The statement added that the deportation was carried out using a chartered plane. The statement highlighted that these exceptional deportations of illegal migrants are part of efforts to enhance the fight against illegal immigration more effectively. Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni had previously emphasized that the number of illegal migrants entering Italy has decreased by 60% compared to last year.



ALGERIA DEPORTS 20,000 AFRICAN MIGRANTS TO NIGER AMID CRITICISM OVER HARSH CONDITIONS

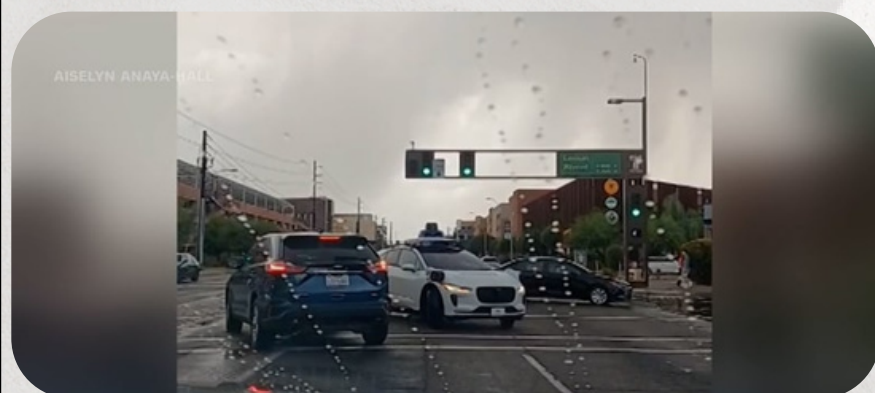
Since the beginning of the year, Algeria has deported nearly 20,000 migrants from sub-Saharan African countries to neighboring Niger under conditions described as harsh, according to the "Alarm Phone Sahara" organization based in Niamey, in a statement to AFP on Monday. Since 2014, Algeria has deported a significant number of irregular migrants, including women and children, and is considered a major transit point for migrants attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea to Europe. The "Alarm Phone Sahara," which focuses on rescuing migrants in the vast desert between Algeria and Niger, reported that 19,798 people were deported from the beginning of the year until August, according to the organization's communications officer, Mokhtar Dan Yaye. The organization noted in its late August report that deportations often occur in "harsh conditions" that can have "deadly consequences in the worst cases. Yaye explained that migrants are arrested during raids on their homes or workplaces in Algerian cities or at the border with Tunisia. They are then gathered in Tamanrasset (southern Algeria) before being transported in trucks to Niger. Nigerien migrants are transported to Assamaka, the first Nigerien village at the border, where local authorities take over their care. Migrants of other nationalities are left at "Point Zero," a desert area on the Algeria-Niger border, where they must walk 15 kilometers in extreme heat to reach Assamaka. Once registered with Nigerien police in Assamaka, migrants are temporarily housed in shelters managed by the United Nations and Italy before being moved to other centers in northern Niger. Yaye also highlighted that migrants face abuse, violence, and confiscation of their belongings by Algerian forces, according to numerous testimonies, in April, Niger's military junta, which took power last year, summoned the Algerian ambassador in Niamey to protest the "violence" accompanying the deportations. Algeria responded by summoning Niger's ambassador, dismissing the allegations as "baseless. The NGO noted that Niger's repeal in November of a 2015 law criminalizing human trafficking has led to greater freedom of movement for migrants along migration routes, without the previous fear.

BRITAIN PLANS TO DEPORT THOUSANDS OF ILLEGAL MIGRANTS AND INTENSIFIES EFFORTS TO COMBAT IRREGULAR IMMIGRATION



The British Labour government plans to deport large numbers of illegal migrants, including those from Iraq, as part of its efforts to reduce the number of refugees. The Home Office has issued a £15 million contract to find partners to support the reintegration of migrants in 11 countries, including Iraq, Pakistan, and India. The contract includes providing food assistance, family tracing, and support for accessing the job market. The government aims to deport more than 14,000 people by the end of the year and intensify efforts to tackle irregular migration in cooperation with partner countries. Prime Minister Keir Starmer emphasized the fight against human trafficking gangs that use small boats to bring migrants to Britain via the English Channel, amid calls from charities for safer migration routes.

Texas: Human Smuggling Raid UnCOVERS 17 Migrants Hidden in Disguised Truck



The Texas Department of Public Safety conducted a raid on Friday morning targeting a human smuggling network in Kinney County, where 17 migrants, including 13 men and 4 women, were found hidden inside a truck disguised to look like it belonged to Lowe's Home Improvement. The migrants were confined in a narrow compartment inside the truck, about 3 feet wide, with no proper ventilation despite the extreme summer heat. Several of them received medical treatment for dehydration.



VIRAL VIDEO OF MIGRANTS ON MARSA MATROUH BEACH ACTUALLY ORIGINATES FROM TUNISIA

Social media users on the platform "X" shared a video showing a group of dark-skinned individuals, claiming they were illegal migrants on the beaches of Marsa Matrouh, Egypt. Since its initial release on August 25, 2024, the video has garnered approximately 3,300 views, 238 likes, and 249 comments on YouTube, along with around 423,000 views, 1,200 likes, and 414 shares on "X". The fact-checking team at "Al-Masry Al-Youm" verified the video and found it to be genuine but dated, and unrelated to Marsa Matrouh Beach in Egypt. Upon investigating the video's origins, it was found that it had been posted by several accounts on "Facebook" and "X" on August 23, 2024, by users from Tunisia. Viewers of the video expressed their discontent with the way the migrants were celebrating on Marsa Beach in Carthage, Tunisia, with one commenter stating, "Marsa Beach in Tunisia is under the occupation of Sub-Saharan Africans."

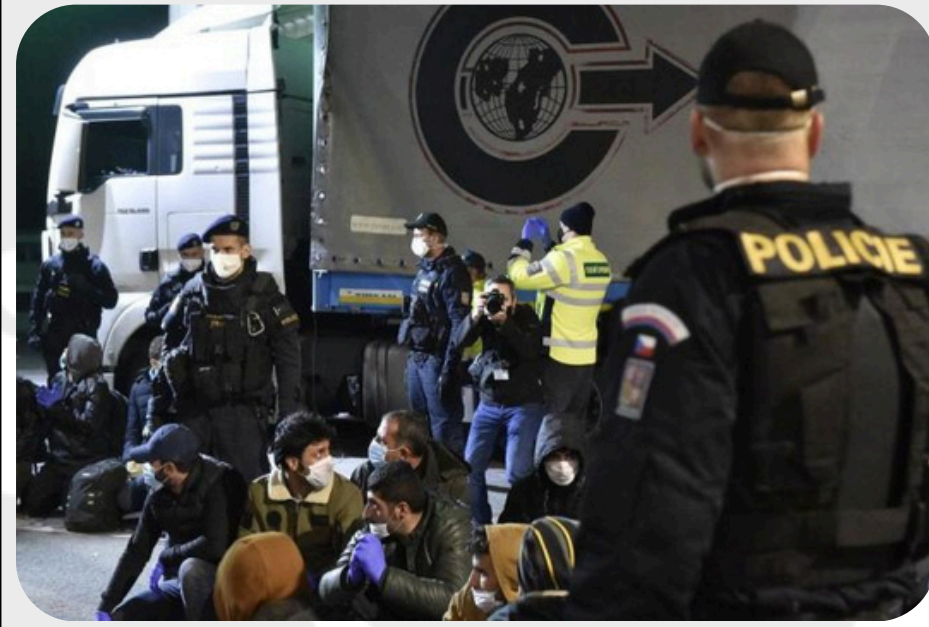


TUNISIA RESCUES STRANDED MIGRANTS NEAR ALGERIAN BORDER AMID HARSH HUMANITARIAN CONDITIONS

The Tunisian Forum for Economic and Social Rights reported to AFP on Friday that most of a group of sub-Saharan African migrants stranded in a remote area in southern Tunisia near the Algerian border have been sheltered. Ramadan Ben Omar, the forum's spokesperson, stated that their teams found 28 people in dire humanitarian conditions, without water or food, amid high temperatures in Tunisia. The group included seven women, three of whom were pregnant, and two children, while the remaining 42 individuals were hiding out of fear of the police. Ben Omar noted that, in collaboration with local authorities and the National Guard, the forum identified the most vulnerable group and evacuated them to a security center. In coordination with the International Organization for Migration, they will be transferred to a facility in Tataouine, in southeastern Tunisia. The forum, along with another international NGO, had issued a call regarding the fate of around 40 migrants and refugees expelled from Sfax and left near the Algerian border in the semi-desert area of Om Larais in Gafsa governorate. Sfax, located less than 150 kilometers from the Italian coast, is a major hub for irregular migration to Europe, with most migrants departing from sub-Saharan African countries. Ben Omar confirmed that 25 of the rescued migrants are from Sierra Leone, along with others from Liberia and Nigeria, including asylum seekers. In July 2023, AFP journalists interviewed exhausted migrants on the Tunisian-Libyan border after they were abandoned there by Tunisian authorities, while hundreds of others were pushed toward the Algerian border. According to humanitarian sources, between June and September 2023, at least 5,500 migrants were expelled to Libya and over 3,000 to Algeria, with at least 100 people dying at the Tunisian-Libyan border.



30 MIGRANTS DETAINED AND WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN TRUCK NEAR PRAGUE



Czech police and emergency services announced the detention of around 30 migrants and the discovery of a woman's body inside a truck near Prague on a highway leading to Germany on Monday evening, according to Reuters. Police stated on the platform "X" that all indications point to the passengers being transit migrants, with initial information confirming the death of a woman. A police spokesperson declined to provide details about the migrants' nationalities or further information. The police reported that the truck, registered abroad, was stopped after 8 p.m. local time on the D8 highway connecting Prague to the German city of Dresden. Emergency services stated on "X" that rescue teams unsuccessfully attempted to revive a woman in her 30s who was found unconscious. The Czech Republic is a major transit point for migrants attempting to reach Germany.

Collision Between Spanish Police Boat and Migrant Dinghy Sparks Outrage and Controversy

Migrants often take advantage of the summer season and calm seas to embark on their journeys towards the Mediterranean shores, but these trips are fraught with dangers. In a shocking incident, a Spanish police boat chased a migrant dinghy, performing several maneuvers before colliding with it, causing the migrants to fall into the sea. The video footage of the incident sparked widespread anger in Spain and Morocco, with human rights activists and politicians calling for an investigation, while the Moroccan Association for Human Rights described the Spanish intervention as "violent and dangerous." Spanish police stated that the four migrants were attempting to enter Spain illegally and were handed over to Morocco. The Spanish Ministry of Interior indicated that it does not intend to conduct an internal investigation. The response from Spanish authorities drew significant criticism on social media, with many activists deeming the police's actions unacceptable and dangerous, while others defended the police, arguing that the migrants' boat crossed the path of the Spanish vessel, leading to the collision.



GERMANY CARRIES OUT FIRST DEPORTATION OF AFGHAN CRIMINALS SINCE TALIBAN'S RETURN, MEDIATED BY QATAR

Berlin announced the execution of its first deportation of Afghan nationals since the Taliban's return to power, confirming that all deported individuals had been convicted of crimes. According to media sources, 28 individuals were deported on a Qatar Airways flight, facilitated by Qatari mediation. German government spokesperson Steffen Hebestreit stated that all deported Afghan nationals were convicted criminals with deportation orders, making them ineligible to remain in Germany. He noted that the German government had made significant efforts in recent months to resume deportations with the support of regional partners. Hebestreit emphasized that the German government is committed to carrying out these operations to ensure national security, stressing that security interests outweigh the protection of criminals and dangerous individuals. The deportation flight departed from Leipzig/Halle Airport on Friday morning, heading to Kabul with 28 Afghans on board. "Der Spiegel" magazine reported that the operation followed two months of secret negotiations, during which Qatar acted as a mediator between Germany and Taliban authorities. Germany had previously halted deportations to Afghanistan and closed its embassy in Kabul following the Taliban's return to power in 2021. This step comes in response to growing calls in Germany for stricter measures against asylum seekers who pose a threat to society.



ITALIAN PRISON OFFICERS' UNIONS PROTEST THE DEPLOYMENT OF OFFICERS TO GUARD MIGRANT DETENTION CENTERS IN ALBANIA

Italian prison officers' unions have protested against the deployment of 50 officers to Albania to guard new migrant detention centers, describing these centers as resembling "concentration camps" and criticizing the mission for having "unclear rules." The Italian Independent Union of Prison Police and the Coordinating Body of Officers' Unions issued a statement on August 31, expressing their discontent with the government's decision to send officers to Albania under an agreement between the two countries' leaders. The agreement, signed by Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and her Albanian counterpart Edi Rama, involves the construction of two detention centers in Albania for migrants attempting to reach Italy by sea. The unions have criticized this mission, especially given the dire conditions within Italian prisons, which suffer from a shortage of officers, riots, self-harm incidents, and suicides among detainees.

TURKEY CONVICTS 6 INVOLVED IN MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND CONTINUES PURSUIT OF CRIMINAL NETWORKS



The Provincial Security Directorate announced in a statement that efforts are ongoing to track down those involved in "migrant smuggling and human trafficking," as well as irregular migrants. In this context, anti-migrant smuggling teams and border guard units managed to arrest 10 suspects during operations conducted between August 19 and September 1, on charges of involvement in migrant smuggling. After completing legal procedures at the Security Directorate, six of the suspects who were referred to the court were convicted.



Spain Grants Citizenship to Two Moroccan Youths After Saving a Man from Drowning

The Spanish government granted citizenship to two Moroccan youths, Abdeslam Fiyash (21) and Hamza El Hatmi (23), for rescuing a 70-year-old man from drowning in the Segre Canal in Lleida, Catalonia. The incident occurred in April 2023 when the young men jumped into the water to save the man after he was swept away by the current. The Spanish Cabinet approved the decision on August 27, in accordance with the Civil Code. The two young men were also awarded the Civil Protection Merit Medals in June in recognition of their bravery. They had arrived in Spain as minors via the enclave of Ceuta, moving between various youth centers. Reports indicate that Spain has granted citizenship to a limited number of individuals for similar heroic acts, while more than 200,000 people are currently waiting for their citizenship applications to be processed.

