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TRUMP ATTACKS IMMIGRANTS WITH FALSE CLAIMS OF EATING PETS DURING DEBATE WITH HARRIS

During his televised debate on Tuesday evening with Democratic rival Kamala Harris, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump launched a scathing attack on immigrants, repeating false claims about new arrivals from Haiti to the U.S. state of Ohio, alleging that they "eat cats." Trump added, "In Springfield, immigrants are eating dogs - the people who came - they eat cats, they eat the pets of the people living there. This is what's happening in our country." This statement was made despite the Mayor of Springfield confirming that the story was fabricated and baseless.



THE "REVERSE FLOWS" PHENOMENON: MIGRANTS CROSSING FROM BRITAIN TO FRANCE ILLEGALLY

Unlike the tens of thousands of migrants who cross the English Channel each year towards the United Kingdom, a smaller number are making the journey in the opposite direction, a phenomenon referred to as "reverse flows" by French authorities. Although this remains a marginal and understudied occurrence, it has begun to attract the attention of French officials. In 2024, 93 migrants were apprehended attempting to enter France illegally from the UK, according to data from the Hauts-de-France region. Louis-Xavier Thirode, the prefect in charge of security and defense in the area, noted that French authorities had recorded "fewer than five migrants in previous years," highlighting the vigilance of French services against illegal entries from Britain. Although the numbers remain small, they are steadily increasing. The UK is seen as a "back door" for migrants from North Africa. There are two types of migrants involved in these reverse flows: the first group targets France as their final destination and is often stopped in public transport or at the French border. These individuals are usually in an illegal status, are notified to leave French territory, detained in administrative centers, or sometimes seek asylum. On the other hand, Mathilde Boutell, the regional chief of staff responsible for combating illegal migration, pointed out that many migrants, primarily from Morocco and Pakistan, enter Europe on UK-issued visas without any prior history in France. In August 2023, around 22 North African migrants, including Algerians, Moroccans, and Tunisians, were apprehended in Dover while trying to enter France illegally via a truck. This new method allows migrants to avoid the dangerous Mediterranean crossing and enter the UK legally. A British police source noted that while these migrants possess valid UK entry permits, they are considered illegal in France due to false pretenses. This unusual phenomenon requires diplomatic efforts to understand how these individuals are arriving, and French authorities are closely monitoring the situation.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION CALLS FOR "PROPORTIONATE" AND EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES AS GERMANY TIGHTENS BORDER CONTROLS TO COMBAT ILLEGAL MIGRATION



The European Commission called yesterday for the implementation of "proportionate" and exceptional measures following Germany's announcement to expand temporary border surveillance to combat illegal migration. A spokesperson for the Commission in Brussels emphasized that reintroducing internal border controls in Europe may be necessary but must remain "necessary and proportionate," stressing that such measures should always be exceptional. Germany, for its part, announced that it would enhance border surveillance across all its land borders starting September 16 for an initial period of six months to address illegal migration, which is causing a political crisis for the government led by Olaf Scholz amid the rise of the far-right. The measures will cover borders with France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Denmark, in addition to existing controls with Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Switzerland. Berlin stressed that these measures are crucial for protecting internal security against current threats and cross-border crime, and the European Commission has been informed of the decision.

Mauritania Refuses to Play the Role of "Border Guard" and Asserts Its Sovereignty in Addressing Irregular Migration



Mauritania's Minister of Interior, Mohamed Ahmed Ould Mohamed El Amin, emphasized that his country will not act as a border guard for other nations and will focus solely on securing its borders to protect its interests, security, and stability. This statement was made during his address to the parliament on Tuesday, while voting on a new bill concerning irregular migration. The minister clarified that Mauritania will handle irregular migration in accordance with international laws, agreements, and human rights principles, stressing the government's commitment to aligning migration laws with national and international standards and observing the principle of reciprocity in international relations to safeguard the interests of Mauritanian communities abroad. Ould Mohamed El Amin noted that the number of deported migrants is on the rise, with 10,753 migrants expelled in the past eight months of this year, marking a 14% increase compared to last year when over 9,000 foreigners were deported. He stressed that the new law aims to tackle this phenomenon and mitigate its security, social, and economic impacts, while easing pressure on local resources. The minister also revealed that the government conducted a census of migrants residing in Mauritania to regularize their status and exempt them from residency fees, recording over 130,000 migrants in the capital, Nouakchott alone. He described this figure as "significant and reflective of the alarming expansion of this phenomenon." Mauritania is a key departure and transit point for irregular African migrants heading towards Europe.



GERMANY TIGHTENS BORDER CONTROLS TO COMBAT ILLEGAL MIGRATION

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Germany announced tighter controls on its nine land borders to tackle illegal migration and enhance national security. Interior Minister Nancy Faeser confirmed the reinforcement of European border protection and restrictions on migrant entry, noting that 30,000 people have been denied entry since 2023, with the number expected to rise as controls expand. These measures have sparked discontent among neighboring countries, amid growing pressure on the German government to adopt a tougher stance on migration.



MOROCCO THWARTS ILLEGAL MIGRATION ATTEMPTS BY 45,000 PEOPLE AND DISMANTLES 177 SMUGGLING NETWORKS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

According to Morocco's official news agency, MAP, citing data from the Ministry of Interior, Moroccan authorities have thwarted attempts by 45,015 people to migrate illegally to Europe since January and have dismantled 177 criminal networks involved in migrant smuggling. The agency did not provide comparative data for the same period in 2023, and the Ministry of Interior did not respond to Reuters' request for comment. Last year, Morocco prevented 75,184 people from attempting to reach Europe, a 6% increase from the previous year. Additionally, the Moroccan navy has rescued 10,859 migrants at sea since the beginning of 2024. The Ministry of Interior noted that Morocco faces increasing migration pressure due to instability in the Sahel region and the permeability of borders. Morocco is a major departure point for African migrants heading to Europe via the Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic Ocean, or by attempting to cross into the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla. Morocco and Spain have strengthened their cooperation in combating illegal migration after resolving a diplomatic dispute in 2022. However, last month, hundreds of migrants took advantage of heavy fog to swim to Ceuta, prompting more to attempt the longer and more dangerous route across the Atlantic to the Canary Islands.

TRUCK CARRYING ILLEGAL MIGRANTS CRASHES IN CROATIA, INJURING 14 PEOPLE



A truck carrying a group of illegal migrants crashed in Croatia while attempting to flee from the police, resulting in injuries to 14 migrants, some of whom are in serious condition. The truck, bearing Swiss license plates, collided with an electric pole on a rural road near the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina after the driver ignored police orders to stop and sped up in an attempt to escape. Among the injured were seven children, all of whom were taken to the hospital for treatment. Migrants from Syria and Afghanistan often use this route through Bosnia and Croatia to reach Western Europe. According to the UN Refugee Agency, there were around 2,000 refugees and migrants in asylum centers in Bosnia by the end of July.



Capsizing of Migrant Boat Off Senegal's Coast Claims Nine Lives

At least nine people have died after a migrant boat capsized off the coast of Senegal, marking another tragic incident for migrants attempting to reach Europe. The Senegalese navy reported that the boat overturned on Sunday near the coast of Mbour (west), prompting a search operation involving three ships and a Spanish maritime surveillance aircraft. Nine bodies were recovered, and three survivors were identified, with an unspecified number of people rescued by local fishermen. The exact number of missing persons remains unknown. Search operations continued on Monday along the shores, and local residents reported that the boat was carrying dozens of migrants, though this has not been officially confirmed. Senegal is a key departure point for African migrants risking their lives to cross the Atlantic Ocean to reach Europe, particularly via the Canary Islands. Thousands have died attempting to reach Europe in recent years, with over 22,000 migrants arriving in the Canary Islands since the beginning of the year, more than double the number from last year.



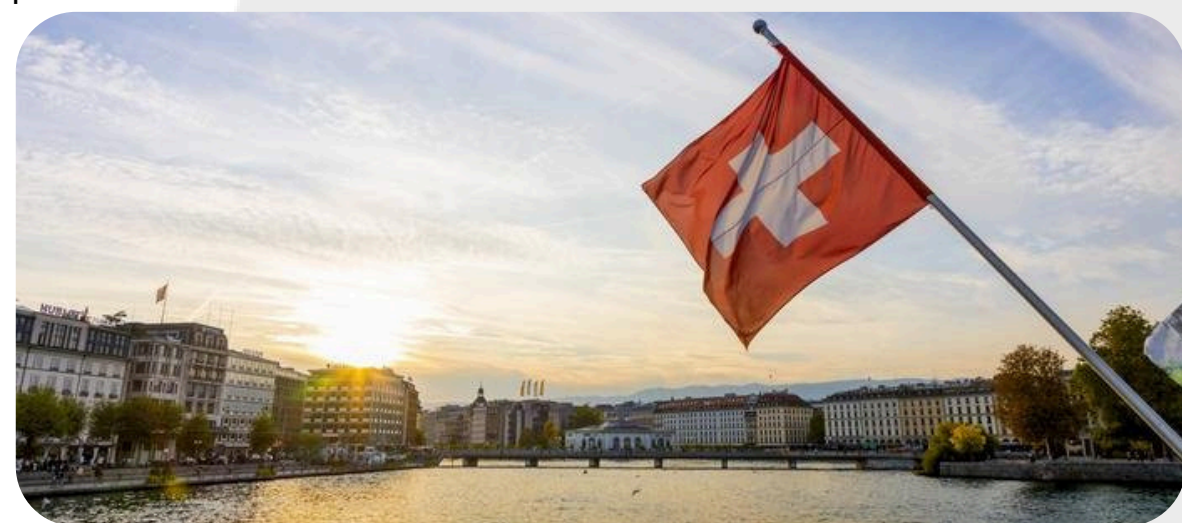
ITALIAN COAST GUARD RECOVERS 6 BODIES OF MIGRANTS OFF SICILIAN COAST AFTER BOAT CAPSIZES

Italian media reported on Sunday that the Coast Guard recovered six bodies off the coast of Sicily, believed to be among the missing from a migrant boat capsizing incident earlier this month, which had 21 people on board. Last Wednesday, the Coast Guard announced the recovery of seven bodies, all males from Syria, from a partially sunken boat southwest of the island of Lampedusa. Survivors told rescue teams that they had set sail from Libya in early September, and 21 out of the 28 people on the boat, including three children, fell into the sea due to bad weather. The Italian news agency "AGI" reported that rescuers believe the six bodies are among the missing, based on the location where they were found.



CONTROVERSY IN SWITZERLAND OVER DEPORTATION OF 260 ERITREAN ASYLUM SEEKERS AMID ERITREA'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THEM

The humanitarian crisis in Switzerland is escalating as the debate over the deportation of 260 rejected Eritrean asylum seekers continues, with Eritrea refusing to accept them. Despite the presence of 40,000 Eritreans in Switzerland, this small group of rejected asylum seekers has become the focus of political and media attention. Swiss politicians have been calling for the deportation of these individuals for over a year, but their efforts have been stalled due to Eritrea's refusal to accept them. Eritrean migrants in Switzerland often face criticism for lack of integration, difficulties in learning the language, and reliance on social welfare. Eduard Gnesa, the former director of the Federal Office for Migration, stated in an interview with the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" newspaper that there are multiple reasons for the failure of Eritreans' integration. In this context, Eritrean activist Veronica Almedom, who resides in Switzerland, announced her candidacy for the Green Party, sparking further controversy and increased tensions. With growing public hostility towards Eritreans, even those who have successfully integrated into society, political pressure has intensified to deport the rejected asylum seekers. The issue has sparked widespread criticism on social media, with some calling for an expedited agreement with Eritrea to begin the deportation process.



GERMANY IMPOSES BORDER CONTROLS TO COMBAT ILLEGAL MIGRATION AND ENHANCE INTERNAL SECURITY



The German government announced on Monday that it will impose temporary controls on all of the country's land borders starting September 16 for six months, in a move aimed at combating illegal migration and enhancing citizens' security. Interior Minister Nancy Faeser stated, "We are working to strengthen internal security and continue implementing our strong plan to tackle illegal migration. These measures are part of Germany's stricter stance on migration in recent years, as the government seeks to regain control amid growing support for the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party. Recent knife attacks have heightened concerns about migration, particularly with asylum seekers involved in some incidents. ISIS claimed responsibility for a knife attack in the city of Solingen that killed three people in August. Following the attack, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz pledged to tighten weapon possession laws, intensify deportations, and reduce irregular migration, indicating the potential formation of a task force to expedite deportations when necessary.

Rachel Morin's Mother Testifies Before Congress on Immigration Policy in a Judicial Hearing

Patti Morin, the mother of Rachel Morin who was killed last year on the Ma and Pa Heritage Trail, is set to testify before Congress on Tuesday regarding immigration policy, according to the family's attorney. Attorney Randolph Rice stated in a press release that Patti Morin will testify before the House Judiciary Committee in a hearing titled "The Biden-Harris Border Crisis: A Victim's Perspective," scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Authorities arrested the suspect in Rachel Morin's murder, Victor Martinez Hernandez, a 23-year-old from El Salvador, in June. Prosecutors have stated that Hernandez entered the United States illegally. Martinez Hernandez faces multiple charges, including first- and second-degree murder, first- and second-degree rape, third-degree sexual offense, and kidnapping related to the death of Rachel Morin. He is currently being held without bail at the Harford County Detention Center.

