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## THE NEWSCAST

### THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION CALLS ON TUNISIA TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF **SEXUAL ASSAULTS AGAINST MIGRANTS**

The European Commission on Tuesday urged Tunisia to investigate reports alleging that some law enforcement officers were involved in committing sexual assaults against migrants. According to the British newspaper \*The Guardian\*, several migrants have given testimonies accusing members of the Tunisian National Guard of engaging in sexual violence, including cases of rape of female migrants-claims that Tunisian authorities have denied. In a press conference, a spokesperson for the European Commission addressed Tunisia, stating: "When there are allegations of misconduct by security forces, we expect them to properly investigate these claims." Tunisia is one of the primary departure points for migrants attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea to reach Europe.



### **MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES ARREST 152 PEOPLE** FOR INCITING ILLEGAL MIGRATION TO CEUTA

Moroccan authorities have arrested over 150 individuals after foiling an attempt at mass illegal migration to the Spanish enclave of Ceuta. The individuals were charged with inciting mass migration using social media. A spokesperson for the Moroccan government stated that 152 people had been arrested and would be prosecuted for inciting illegal migration through social media platforms. This comes after thousands of young people gathered in the northern city of Fnideq, near Ceuta, in an attempt to cross the border, which was thwarted by the largest security deployment the area has ever seen. In a press conference on Thursday evening, government spokesperson Mustapha Baitas that all announced attempts were successfully blocked and added that the number of migrants who attempted to cross was approximately three thousand.



### **FOILED MASS ILLEGAL MIGRATION ATTEMPT TO CEUTA AND THOUSANDS ARRESTED IN FNIDEQ**



Large numbers of illegal migrants gathered in the northern Moroccan border city of Fnideq, attempting to sneak into the Spanish-controlled city of Ceuta. This movement was a response to secret calls for mass migration spread on social media weeks earlier, designating September 15 as the date for what was dubbed "the great escape" to Europe. The city witnessed violent clashes between migrants and Moroccan security forces, who managed to thwart the attempts and arrest thousands, including minors and migrants from African, Maghreb, and Asian countries. In a related development, misleading photos and videos circulated on social media, with claims that they were connected to the events in Fnideq. However, investigations by the platform \*Misbár\* revealed that these materials were unrelated to the ongoing events.

### 11 Egyptians Killed and 15 Injured in Illegal Migration Accident in Libya



Eleven Egyptians lost their lives, and 15 others were injured in a car accident near the Libyan city of Derna. The car was transporting a group of illegal migrants. The injured were taken to Al-Wahda Hospital, where seven of them were treated and discharged. The bodies of the deceased\_are awaiting coordination with the Egyptian embassy for their return home.



## **MOROCCAN ROYAL NAVY RESCUES 54 ILLEGAL MIGRANTS OFF** THE COAST OF TAN-TAN

The Moroccan Royal Armed Forces announced that the Royal Navy intercepted a boat carrying 54 illegal migrants, 83 kilometers northwest of Tan-Tan port. The migrants, including seven women and one minor from various African nationalities, were attempting to reach the Canary Islands. All passengers were rescued and transported safely to Tan-Tan port, where they received medical care before being handed over to authorities.



Austria has raised concerns over Hungary's plans to build a reception center for illegal migrants near the Austrian border. The move is seen as potentially exacerbating the migration on the crisis and increasing pressure region. Peter Hans Doskozil, Burgenland Governor of Burgenland, stated that the region would take steps to protect itself as the migration issue worsens. The center, located 15 kilometers from the Austrian border, has residents. sparked protests from local Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán has refused to accept any refugees and ordered the construction of a three-meter-high around the center.



## **TRUMP: BORDER MIGRATION THREATENS AMERICAN JOBS**



During a campaign rally, former U.S. President and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump claimed that the influx of migrants across the border is diminishing job opportunities for Americans. argued that this issue negatively impacts the U.S. economy creates unfair competition for jobs between citizens and migrants.

# Diplomatic Tensions Rise Between Turkey and Greece Over Migrant Boat Pursuit in Turkish Waters

Turkish media released videos showing a Greek vessel chasing a small boat near the Turkish city Bodrum, sparking diplomatic between the two countries. The footage, captured by Turkish citizens, depicts Greek coast guard boats entering Turkish territorial waters on two separate occasions. One video shows a Greek coast guard boat approaching the shores of Akyarlar in Bodrum's Muğla province, where Greek soldiers are seen pursuing a small boat allegedly carrying one person.





# THREE MIGRANTS DIE AND OTHERS MISSING NEAR SAMOS ISLAND IN GREECE

The Greek state television reported on Monday that three migrants lost their lives, and five were rescued near the island of Samos. Authorities believe more migrants may be missing. The Greek coast guard continues search and rescue operations, involving four ships and a helicopter, in the rocky coastal area of Agios Isidoros, in the island's northwest.



Italian police in Palermo have shut down hundreds of social media accounts used by human traffickers in Libya to promote illegal migrant crossings. In collaboration with Meta, the Italian authorities closed over 1,000 personal accounts and 728 websites linked to smugglers in Libya and Egypt. Investigations, which began last November, helped gather information on migrant departure points and facilitated cooperation with Libyan and Tunisian authorities to exchange critical data.





GERMAN POLICE RAID RESIDENCES AND DISMANTLE HUMAN TRAFFICKING NETWORK USING FAKE DOCUMENTS



Germany, targeting a human trafficking network responsible for smuggling dozens of people from the Middle East and the Caucasus into Germany using fake documents and work permits. Authorities searched 24 apartments, arrested four suspects, and are investigating seven others. The traffickers allegedly forged European identity cards, enabling migrants to work illegally at wages below the minimum.

## False Bomb Threats in Ohio After Trump's Migrant Claims

A small town in Ohio has faced a wave of false bomb threats following a recent presidential debate, where former President Donald Trump claimed Haitian migrants in Springfield were kidnapping and eating pets. Despite no evidence supporting these claims, Trump's running mate, J.D. Vance, amplified the rumors online. The threats led to school and government building evacuations, and the town canceled its annual diversity and arts festival. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine indicated that most threats originated from foreign entities, though further details were not disclosed.

