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A CARAVAN OF MIGRANTS HEADS FROM MEXICO TO THE UNITED STATES BEFORE TRUMP'S INAUGURATION

A caravan consisting of approximately 1,500 migrants set off from the city of Tapachula in southern Mexico, near the Guatemalan border, heading on foot toward the United States. These migrants aim to reach the U.S. border before the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump in January, fearing the stringent immigration policies he has promised to enforce, including the deportation of large numbers of undocumented migrants. This journey poses immense challenges, including long distances, security risks, and pressures from both Mexican and U.S. authorities. Such caravans are a common occurrence in the region, representing a desperate attempt by many to escape poverty and violence in Central American countries.



TUNISIAN PRISONS OVERCROWDED WITH SUB-SAHARAN MIGRANTS DUE TO ILLEGAL RESIDENCE CHARGES

Tunisia has seen a sharp increase in the arrests of Sub-Saharan African migrants on charges of illegal residency, leading to significant overcrowding in its prisons. The Ivorian Association in Tunisia reported that these arrests have become increasingly frequent in various cities, with migrants being detained on the streets, in public transportation, and at stations. This wave of arrests follows the re-election of President Kais Saied and the implementation of stricter immigration policies. As a result, undocumented migrants now face prison sentences instead of simple deportation, exacerbating their already precarious situation.

SPAIN TO LEGALIZE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS TO BOOST ITS ECONOMY



Starting in May 2025, Spain plans to issue residency and work permits to 300,000 undocumented migrants annually through 2027. This initiative aims to address the challenges posed by an aging population and bolster the country's workforce. Immigration Minister Ilma Saiz highlighted the necessity of bringing in an additional 250,000 foreign workers each year to maintain the nation's welfare system. Unlike many other European countries that are tightening their immigration policies, Spain is focusing on integrating migrants into its economy and society. This policy emphasizes respect for human rights while ensuring sustainable economic growth and stability.

MOROCCAN COURT INCREASES SENTENCES FOR 14 UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS TO 10 YEARS



The Moroccan Court of Appeals in Nador has significantly increased the prison sentences of 14 undocumented migrants from 4 years to 10 years. These migrants, arrested in early 2022, were initially sentenced to 2 years in prison, which was then doubled following an appeal by the Public Prosecution. The case was subsequently reviewed by the Court of Cassation, which referred it back to the Court of Appeals. The latter issued the final ruling of 10 years' imprisonment. The Moroccan Human Rights Association criticized the decision, describing it as excessively harsh, noting that these individuals were seeking asylum to escape war and poverty. They had already served 3 years of their sentences, with just one year left before their original release date.



ICE ARRESTS THREE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS IN MASSACHUSETTS FOR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office in Boston announced the arrest of three undocumented immigrants charged with crimes against children. Among them was a Guatemalan migrant accused of raping a child in Massachusetts and another individual who had previously been convicted of a similar crime in Brazil before illegally entering the U.S. The arrests came shortly after Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey stated that her state would not cooperate with federal immigration enforcement under President-elect Donald Trump. ICE identified one suspect as 21-year-old Mynor Stiven De Paz-Munoz, who entered the U.S. in 2020 and was released despite a federal detainer request.



TUNISIAN NATIONAL GUARD DENIES COLLISION WITH MIGRANT BOAT

The Tunisian National Guard denied claims made in an Italian media report alleging that one of its patrol boats collided with a migrant vessel carrying over 80 people, mostly Sudanese, resulting in 52 drownings. Speaking to France24, Colonel Houssein Eddine Jebabli, the National Guard spokesperson, confirmed that no such incident was recorded on November 7 or 8. He reiterated that the Tunisian Coast Guard regularly responds to distress calls and works to rescue migrants in danger at sea.



TRUMP PREPARES FOR MASS DEPORTATIONS UNDER "BORDER CZAR" TOM HOMAN



The Stability Support Apparatus in Libya announced the rescue of 29 undocumented Syrian migrants and the recovery of the bodies of two young men following the capsizing of their boat near the Soueida coast in northwest Libya. According to the apparatus, the incident occurred on November 13 due to water leakage into the boat, with the absence of life jackets contributing to the deaths of the two men, despite their proximity to the shore. The surviving migrants were transferred to detention centers in Tajoura, while the bodies of the two victims were moved to morgues. Local Syrian sources identified the deceased as Mohammad Hassan Sousoq and Louay Salah Ashour from Rif Dimashq. This tragedy is one among a series of migrant boat disasters, amid increasing attempts to cross the Mediterranean from Libya to Europe.

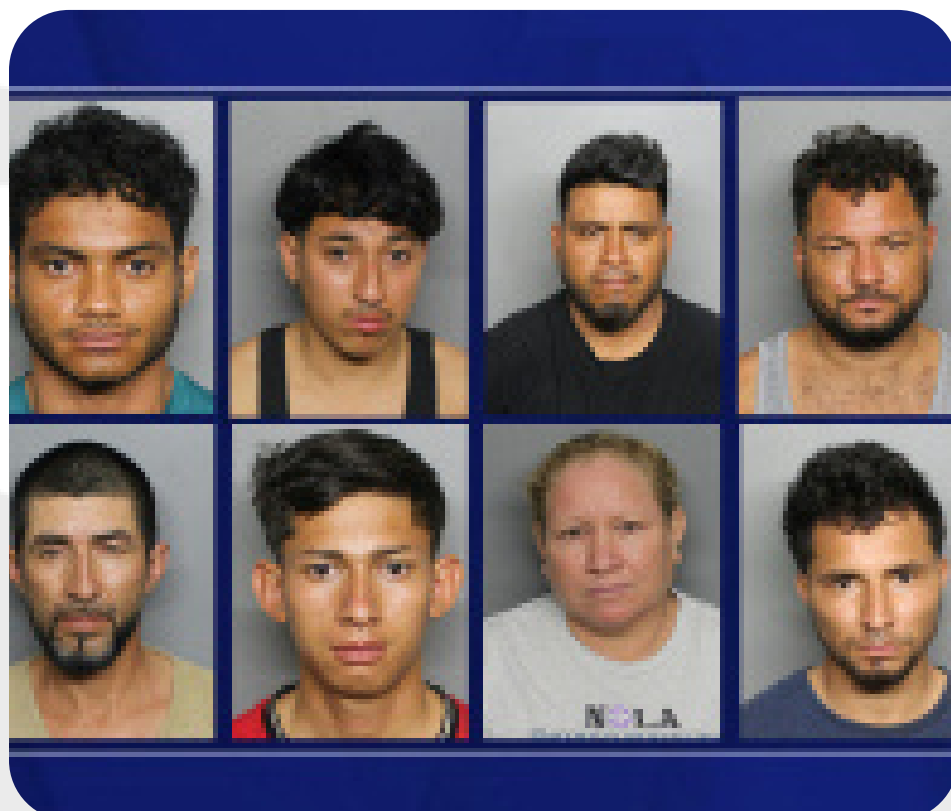
DEATH OF TWO SYRIAN YOUTHS IN MIGRANT BOAT INCIDENT OFF LIBYAN COAST

A court in Rome referred the case of migrants transferred to Albania to the European Court of Justice on Monday to ensure Italian laws align with European Union regulations. The seven migrants involved, from Egypt and Bangladesh, are expected to be returned to Italy in the coming hours, pending the court's decision. This case represents a new challenge to Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's migration policies. Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini criticized the decision, calling it "political" and harmful to Italian security.



EIGHT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED IN FLORIDA FOR UNAUTHORIZED RESIDENCE

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office in Florida arrested eight undocumented immigrants living in a house without the owner's permission. The case began when a border patrol agent alerted the sheriff's office about George Pineda, who was federally wanted for violently resisting arrest. While executing the warrant, seven other undocumented immigrants were also detained. The homeowner confirmed that none of the individuals were authorized to stay in the house, leading to trespassing charges. Emilze Rodriguez, a relative of five of the arrested individuals, explained that her family had traveled from Texas to work on homes damaged by hurricanes, believing they had permission from their employer to stay. She described the incident as a misunderstanding.



TWO MOROCCAN MIGRANTS FOUND DEAD ON A SPANISH BEACH FOLLOWING ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN

On the morning of November 18, the bodies of two Moroccan men were discovered on a beach in Almería, southern Spain. This tragic incident is linked to an attempt to cross the Mediterranean in a speedboat from Nador. Preliminary findings indicate that a group of Moroccan migrants was on board the vessel, aiming to reach Spain. The journey ended with the deaths of two individuals, and investigations are ongoing to uncover the circumstances of the incident and determine the number of survivors and missing persons.



BELARUSIAN CONFERENCE ADDRESSES CHALLENGES OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND REGIONAL COOPERATION



A high-level conference in Minsk brought together Belarusian officials, diplomats, and international organizations to address the challenges of illegal immigration. Discussions centered on strategies for combating the issue and the importance of regional cooperation to tackle its root causes. The conference served as a platform to exchange best practices and innovative solutions aimed at protecting migrant rights while ensuring security and stability. Ambassador Sanei emphasized the necessity of multilateral policies to manage this global issue effectively. It was also noted that Iran currently hosts approximately six million refugees, underscoring its significant role in this context.

SENATOR RAND PAUL OPPOSES TRUMP'S PLAN TO DEPLOY MILITARY FOR MASS DEPORTATIONS

Republican Senator Rand Paul voiced his opposition to President-elect Donald Trump's proposal to deploy the military to execute mass deportations of undocumented immigrants upon his return to the Oval Office in January. Paul criticized the plan as a major mistake and an "abuse of military resources," arguing that deploying armed forces to U.S. cities to detain individuals represents a terrible image. He highlighted that such actions conflict with longstanding U.S. laws prohibiting military involvement in domestic affairs for over a century. Paul, who will chair the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, is poised to play a key role in shaping immigration policies.

