

MELONI RENEWS HER DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HER CONTROVERSIAL POLICIES ON MIGRANT RECEPTION CENTERS

Italy's right-wing government, led by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, has reiterated its commitment to maintaining controversial migrant reception centres in Albania, despite a series of legal defeats. In a statement issued after a meeting that included Meloni and a number of ministers, the government stressed its "firm determination" to pursue the implementation of "innovative solutions" to address migration issues. Italian courts have twice blocked Meloni's policy of processing asylum applications for migrants arriving across the Mediterranean in Albania. Judges based their rejection on the fact that migrants being returned to Albania by Italian ships did not come from countries considered safe.



GREECE: CONTINUOUS CALLS TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION INTO 2023 MIGRANT SHIP SINKING

Greek lawyers representing survivors and victims of a June 2023 shipwreck have asked the court to examine additional evidence after a preliminary investigation showed no progress. The ship carrying hundreds of migrants sank off the coast of the city of Pylos, killing hundreds. The lawyers cited "major gaps" in the investigation, saying the court had summoned the ship's captain and coastguard crew but not their supervisors.



HOW WILL GLOBAL MIGRATION TRENDS EVOLVE BY 2025?



Migration continues to increase globally with no signs of a decline in people's desire to migrate. However, migrants have faced significant challenges such as Donald Trump's "build the wall" rhetoric, restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, and Brexit. Early 2025 is expected to see significant political changes in the two largest migration destinations, with Trump set to begin his second term in the United States and early elections likely in Germany that could lead to the victory of parties that support more restrictive immigration policies.

THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MINOR MIGRANTS IN GREECE IS A CAUSE FOR CONCERN AND REQUIRES ATTENTION

Greece is facing an unprecedented crisis regarding refugee children, with the number of unaccompanied or separated minors doubling in 2024 compared to last year. The number of migrants has reached a five-year high, with more than 59,200 people entering the country by December 2024. Of these, more than 13,000 have arrived, a 50% increase on the previous year, and the number of unaccompanied children has doubled to 3,000. Aid organizations have described the phenomenon as a "children's emergency", with a significant increase in the arrival of children in the first half of 2024, exceeding 6,400 children.



POLL: MOST GERMANS OPPOSE SPEEDING UP SYRIAN RETURNS

After the fall of the ruling regime in Syria, an opinion poll showed that the majority of Germans do not support accelerating the return of hundreds of thousands of Syrian immigrants to their homeland. The poll, conducted by the Wallen Institute for Opinion Research on behalf of the German public television channel ZDF, showed that 64% of Germans prefer to postpone decisions to return Syrian refugees until stable and peaceful conditions are achieved in Syria. Amid years of war, an Islamist-led coalition seized power in Syria about two weeks ago, while former President Bashar al-Assad fled to Russia. According to the survey, only 27% of Germans believe that conditions in Syria are stable and peaceful, while 63% of the survey participants do not believe this.



MEXICO REFUSES TO ACCEPT MIGRANTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES THAT TRUMP INTENDS TO DEPORT

Mexico has said it is willing to accept its citizens if President-elect Donald Trump carries out his plans to deport migrants, but has refused to be a safe third country for migrants of other nationalities. The State Department said it would work with authorities to address potential mass deportations. According to a Bloomberg report, Trump's team has held informal talks with the governments of Mexico and El Salvador about taking in migrants who will be deported.



CALLS TO ORGANIZE SHELTERS FOR MIGRANTS IN ERRACHIDIA



Activists in the city of Errachidia expressed their concern about the deterioration of the situation around the bus station and the main street, as a result of the heavy presence of migrants from sub-Saharan countries. They called on the local authorities to intervene immediately, either to deport them or to find alternative solutions that contribute to reorganizing the public space and restoring the beauty of the city. In identical statements to the electronic newspaper Hespress, a number of civil society activists expressed their dissatisfaction with the current situation, as the green spaces surrounding the bus station and the passages near the main street have become a haven for dozens of immigrants.

MARYAM, FROM GUINEA, ARRIVES IN ITALY ALONE AND ASPIRES TO START A NEW LIFE.

Mariam, a 16-year-old Guinean girl, arrived in Italy alone after losing her family on a dangerous sea voyage. She was with her sister Fara before they were separated during the journey. At a shelter run by nuns in Sicily, Mariam began to recover. Her family had dreamed of a better future in Europe, with her father hoping to send them to France to study, but the money he left them was limited. Mariam is eager to start a new life, and tells her story of the challenges she faced during her journey.

