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THE NEWSCAST

THE EGYPTIAN NAVAL FORCES MANAGED TO THWART AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ATTEMPT ON BOARD A BOAT CARRYING 63 PEOPLE.

The Egyptian military spokesman said on Monday that the boat was seized 135 nautical miles north of the city of Salloum near the Libyan border. He added that a naval unit moved immediately after spotting the boat and carried out search and seizure operations, which resulted in the arrest of the crew and passengers, 60 Egyptians and 3 Sudanese, while they were trying to immigrate illegally. He confirmed that those arrested were handed over to the relevant authorities to take legal action. It is noteworthy that the Libyan Ministry of Interior had announced two weeks ago the deportation of 150 Egyptian migrants through the Salloum crossing, after they entered Libyan territory illegally. The Libyan authorities had also previously announced the arrest of 60 Egyptians who tried to infiltrate Libya to migrate to Europe.



THE TIMES REPORTED THAT BRITAIN HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH IRAQ REGARDING THE RETURN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND THE EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE ON CRIMINAL GROUPS.

The newspaper explained that the agreement aims to speed up the procedures for repatriating immigrants who entered Britain illegally by enhancing cooperation between the two countries in identifying their identities. It also confirmed that Britain will provide financial support to Iraq to enhance its ability to absorb returning immigrants and integrate them into society. The newspaper pointed out that Iraqis constitute one of the highest nationalities crossing the English Channel to Britain illegally, with 1,624 Iraqi migrants crossing this year. It added that Britain will launch an awareness campaign in Iraq to combat the lies spread by human traffickers on the Internet.



PIANTEDOSI ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF FOUR PEOPLE ACCUSED OF ORGANISING ILLEGAL MIGRANT SMUGGLING OPERATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF CATANIA.



Piantedosi added in a statement on Monday that the defendants were on board a small boat carrying 53 illegal immigrants on their way to the Italian coast. He explained that they will be charged with aiding and abetting illegal immigration, in addition to endangering the lives of all the people on board the boat.

TUNISIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE FOUND THE BODIES OF TWO MIGRANTS AND CONFIRMED THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ANOTHER AFTER THEIR BOAT CAPSIZED OFF THE COAST OF MAHDIA.



Since the beginning of the year, more than 340 bodies have been recovered off the coast of Tunisia. The boat was carrying 31 migrants, mostly Tunisians, who had left the town of Teboulba before it capsized. The coast of Mahdia is a major departure point for migrant boats to Europe, with thousands of people sailing from Tunisia and Libya each year on unseaworthy boats in search of opportunities in Europe, especially Italy..



I ANNOUNCED DEVICES SECURITY IN LIBYA ON RECOVERY BODY IMMIGRANT NOT LEGITIMATE FROM ONE OF WELLS EXCHANGE HEALTHY IN CITY SEBHA

The Southern Region Law Enforcement Administration discovered a criminal den in Sabha, involving prostitution, drug trafficking, human trafficking, and fuel smuggling. The administration and the 11th Battalion arrested several people, including a detainee who confessed to killing migrants and throwing their bodies into black wells. The Public Prosecution is currently investigating the site, with an expected five more bodies found.

MIGRANTS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE IN SPAIN'S BALEARIC ISLANDS, WITH 299 ARRIVING IN THE LAST THREE DAYS ON BOATS FROM NORTH AFRICA

Groups of migrants, including children, have been rescued off the islands of Ibiza, Formentera and Cabrera. In recent weeks, the area has seen an increase in the number of boats, with more than 5,165 migrants arriving this year compared to 2,278 last year.





THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION IS PREPARING TO PROPOSE NEW RULES FOR DEPORTING MIGRANTS WHO ENTER THE EU ILLEGALLY, EU DIPLOMATS TOLD POLITICO.



According to the magazine's report, the measures being discussed include restrictions on the freedom of movement of migrants targeted for deportation. A draft directive on deportation is expected to be presented to EU permanent representatives in February. The Commission is currently consulting with European capitals to work out the details of the directive, which is likely to include clear principles defining the rights and obligations of migrants who have exhausted legal residence options in the EU, as well as clarifying the rules for their deportation to third countries, whether their countries of origin or countries where they have spent a long time.

GREECE: FOUR MIGRANTS DROWN OFF SAMOS ISLAND

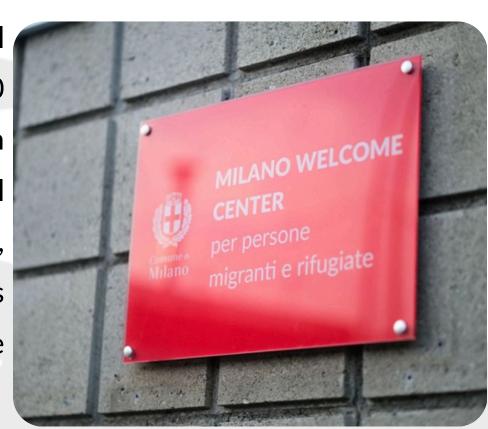
Four migrants died on Thursday, November 28, 2024, after their boat sank in the Aegean Sea near the island of Samos, a few days after nine migrants drowned in the same area. The bodies, belonging to two children and two women, were recovered at the scene, the Greek Coast Guard said. Greece is one of the main gateways for migrants to Europe, with more than 52,000 arriving in the country this year, most by sea from Turkey. Despite the proximity of the Turkish and Greek coasts, many accidents occur because smugglers use rickety boats.





THE ITALIAN CITY OF MILAN HAS OPENED THE "MILAN WELCOME CENTRE' FOR NEW MIGRANTS GRANTED INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION.

The center is located in the Milan Central Station area and covers an area of 2,000 square meters. It has about 60 employees from different specialties, such as cultural and social mediators, legal and psychological advisors, and Italian language teachers. The center aims to unify all services and support to facilitate the integration of new immigrants in the city.



THE BORDER FENCE BETWEEN POLAND AND BELARUS IS CONTROVERSIAL, AS SOME SEE IT AS A BARRIER AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

Others see it as a death trap. The Polish military is beefing up patrols on the border, which Poland accuses of orchestrating the migrant flow, backed by a newly reinforced metal fence. Since 2021, thousands of migrants have tried to enter Poland via Belarus, in what Warsaw has described as a hybrid attack by Belarus and Russia. Although attempts to cross declined in the winter, some 28,500 had arrived by mid-November.



10 MIGRANTS WERE TURNED AWAY AT THE LATVIAN BORDER, WHILE POLISH OFFICIALS STOPPED 45 MIGRANTS WHO TRIED TO CROSS THE BORDER ILLEGALLY.



This year, the border guards managed to prevent 957 illegal migrants from entering Lithuania from Belarus via unauthorized routes. The flow of migrants to the eastern EU member states from Belarus began in 2021, with the West holding the Minsk regime responsible for organizing this flow. That year, about 4.2 thousand people illegally crossed from Belarus to Lithuania, with a predominance of foreigners from the Middle East and Asia, and with the end of the movement restrictions, most of them left the country. During this period, the Lithuanian border guards turned away 22.9 thousand migrants, with some of them trying to cross the illegal border several times.

THE US DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY STATED:DOGE ESTIMATES THAT THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES IN 2023 AMOUNTED TO \$150.7 BILLION.

The tweet, which Musk retweeted, included other figures for comparison to the \$150.7 billion figure borne by the US taxpayer, as the department stated in its report that the costWorld War IIt cost \$334 billion, the Apollo space program cost \$257 billion, and the Manhattan Project to produce nuclear weapons duringWorld War II\$30 billion, andPanama Canal\$15.2 billion, and the Hoover Dam \$1 billion

