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CHAD PRAISES EGYPT'S EXPERIENCE IN COMBATING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Chadian Minister of Public Security and Immigration, Ali Ahmed Agbash, praised Egypt's experience in combating illegal immigration, noting that its distinguished geographical location on the Mediterranean Sea made it a model to be emulated. Agbash explained during a television interview that Egypt, thanks to its location in North Africa, has gained extensive experience in confronting this phenomenon. He also stressed that Chad, being part of the African Sahel countries, faces similar challenges and aspires to benefit from the Egyptian experience in this field.



70 MISSING, INCLUDING 25 MALIANS, AFTER MIGRANT BOAT SINKS OFF MOROCCAN COAST

The authorities confirmed that the toll, based on information collected by the Malian embassies in Morocco and Mauritania and testimonies of survivors and relatives of the victims, indicates that a boat carrying irregular migrants sank while trying to reach Spain off the Moroccan coast on December 19. The incident resulted in the loss of about 70 people, including 25 young Malians, and the survival of only 11 people, nine of whom were Malian nationals. This incident highlights the increasing risks of migration by sea, amid a rise in the number of victims this year.



107 MIGRANTS RESCUED ON CHRISTMAS DAY WHILE TRYING TO CROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL



French authorities announced the rescue of 107 migrants during 12 rescue operations along the coast of northern France on Christmas Day. In the morning, 30 migrants were rescued near Dunkirk, while others decided to continue their journey and were detained in British waters. Later, authorities rescued 51 migrants from a broken-down boat near Dunkirk, and 26 others from a boat in difficulty near Calais.

LIBYA SEIZES ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT DEN, CONTINUES DEPORTATION EFFORTS



The Directorate Force in the Western Region seized a den of illegal immigrants in Zuwara, where they provided humanitarian assistance before handing them over to the competent authorities. According to the International Organization for Migration, Libya has 787,326 immigrants, 54% of whom are in the Western Region, the majority of whom are from Sudan, Niger, and Egypt.

TWO PROGRAMS SERVING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE ENDING DUE TO COST AND INADEQUACY

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement has completed(ICE) Two programs that provide social services to illegal immigrants released into the country, noting that one is too expensive and without sufficient improvements, and the other is not in line with its goals. The decision came in response to a request from Rep. Byron Donalds and 15 members of Congress for clarification on the Alternatives to Detention program, which monitors non-detained immigrants via apps or GPS devices.(GPS). ICE has only about 40,000 detention beds, while facing a non-detainee list of 7.7 million people, including more than 181,000 enrolled in the Alternatives to Detention program.



TRUMP CONSIDERS USING MILITARY TO DEPORT IMMIGRANTS

Tom Homan said the Trump administration is considering plans to use military bases and aircraft to detain and deport migrants, with the military seen as supporting transportation and building temporary detention facilities. Final decisions and financial details are still being worked out pending congressional funding.



2024: A TRAGIC YEAR FOR THE MIGRATION ROUTE BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM



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.

SPAIN ARRESTS SEVEN SMUGGLERS ACCUSED OF KILLING MIGRANTS

Spanish police have arrested seven people smugglers accused of killing four migrants on a boat carrying 207 people towards the Canary Islands in November. The migrants described the journey as a "nightmare", with the smugglers violently assaulting the victims during the journey from Gambia via Senegal to the archipelago.



STUDY: SMUGGLERS' INFLUENCE ON MIGRATION DECISIONS

LIMITED

A study by a specialized center showed that smugglers play a limited role in migration decisions, with only 4% of the 60,000 migrants surveyed indicating their influence. The most influential factors were friends and family in Europe (41%), relatives (22%), and social media (12%). The center's director stressed that these results provide important insights for developing more realistic migration policies.



2024: MIGRANT DEATHS TO SPAIN RISE BY 58%

More than 10,400 migrants died or went missing trying to reach Spain across the Atlantic in 2024, a 58% increase over 2023, the Caminando Fronteras organization reported. The report noted the deaths of 421 women and 1,538 children, reflecting a failure of relief systems, and called for improved search efforts and protection of the right to life.



LIBYA DEPORTS ILLEGAL MIGRANTS TO NIGER FOR FIRST TIME ACROSS LAND BORDER IN YEARS



Libya has carried out its first deportation of illegal immigrants to Niger via land borders, the first of its kind in years, according to a report published by Xinhua." The operation was carried out in the presence of the Nigerian Chargé d'Affaires in Libya, Abdul Aziz Loli Haro, after completing the legal procedures against the migrants. The Libyan authorities confirmed their continued efforts to deport the migrants to their countries of origin as part of a plan to reduce illegal immigration.

MEXICO PREPARES TO RECEIVE DEPORTEES AS 25 SHELTERS OPEN ON BORDER

In preparation for the expected deportations of illegal immigrants with the Trump administration, the Mexican government announced the opening of 25 shelters on its northern border to receive its deported citizens starting January 20. The plan includes setting up 6 centers in Tijuana and 2 in Mexicali, the capital of Baja California, with each center able to accommodate 500 people, divided between men, women, unaccompanied children, and families.

