

# THE NEWSCAST

## **FOREIGN MINISTER: EGYPT ADOPTS INTEGRATED APPROACH TO COMBAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**

On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, Dr. Badr Abdel Aaty, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Migration, met with Deputy Nicola Roccacchini, President of the Conservatives and Reformists Group in the European Parliament, in Strasbourg. Minister Abdel Aati stressed the importance of enhancing parliamentary cooperation between Egypt and the European Union, emphasizing the Egyptian role in supporting security and stability in the Middle East. He also reviewed the features of the Egyptian position towards the ongoing developments in the Gaza Strip, Syria and Sudan.



## **AFTER TRUMP'S INAUGURATION, US CUSTOMS ANNOUNCED THE END OF THE IMMIGRATION RECEPTION PROGRAM**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced Monday the legal termination of the immigration reception program and the cancellation of all scheduled appointments. In his inauguration speech, US President Donald Trump declared his intention to declare a national emergency on the southern border of the United States, vowing to stop illegal entry and deport millions of people who entered the country illegally. Trump confirmed his intention to send thousands of US troops to the border to stop the flow of criminals, stressing that he considers infiltrators to be terrorists.

## **MEXICO'S PRESIDENT REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING IMMIGRANT RIGHTS DURING TRUMP'S TERM**



Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum pledged to protect the rights of Mexicans in the U.S. as Donald Trump prepares to return to the White House with plans for mass deportations. Speaking in Puebla, Sheinbaum emphasized defending Mexicans abroad, indirectly addressing Trump's announced immigration policies.

## **A RECENT DECISION IN LIBYA REGARDING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AFFAIRS OF IMMIGRANTS AND FOREIGNERS.. LOCAL NEWS**



The Libyan Anti-Illegal Immigration Agency has issued a new decision giving owners of companies, factories and shops a grace period until the end of January 2025 to settle the status of their foreign workers. The decision aims to regulate the labor market and improve Libya's position in the foreign labor file.



## **GERMAN PARTY DISTRIBUTES 'FAKE' PLANE TICKETS TO MIGRANTS TO RETURN HOME**

The far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party has sparked widespread controversy in political circles after one of its local branches in the southwestern city of Karlsruhe distributed thousands of fake airline tickets to deport migrants to their safe countries. The distributed leaflets stated, In your homeland, things will be good too, with the tickets bearing a departure date of February 23, the day of Germany's national elections. According to the European magazine Politico, this move comes as party leaders increasingly adopt radical proposals for the mass deportation of migrants. During a party conference over the weekend, the party's candidate for chancellor, Alice Weidel, stated that the AfD would carry out large-scale deportations if it came to power.



## **21 PAKISTANIS SURVIVE MIGRANT BOAT SINKING OFF MOROCCAN COAST**

Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced that 21 Pakistanis have survived a migrant boat sinking off the coast of Dakhla, Morocco. The Pakistani Embassy in Rabat has provided urgent support to the survivors, including food, water and medicines. Moroccan authorities are providing shelter and medical care, and a consular team from the embassy is monitoring the relief efforts. The Pakistani government is coordinating with Moroccan authorities to arrange for the repatriation of the affected citizens to their country.



## **ITALY, SLOVENIA, CROATIA SIGN AGREEMENT TO COMBAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**



The Italian Interior Ministry announced a tripartite meeting in Nova Gorica, Slovenia, bringing together the interior ministers of Italy, Slovenia and Croatia. An agreement was concluded to organize joint patrols on the Croatian border and enhance cooperation against human trafficking and illegal migration via the Balkan route. The Italian minister stressed that the agreement represents a model for European cooperation, noting that 6,200 illegal migrants have been detected on the border with Slovenia since October 2023.

## **LAUNCHING A CONSULTING CENTER IN SULAYMANIYAH TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**

On Wednesday, Sulaymaniyah Governorate opened the third immigration counseling center in Iraq, which aims to provide legal support to migrants and raise awareness of the dangers of illegal immigration, complementing the role of the Baghdad and Erbil centers. The director of the center, Linja Karim, explained in a statement to Shafak News Agency that the opening of this center represents an important step to support citizens wishing to immigrate in a legal and safe manner, with a focus on raising their awareness of the dangers of illegal immigration. She pointed out that the center will provide free consultations, including legal assistance, in addition to organizing awareness campaigns to confront illegal immigration, which may expose migrants to serious risks.



## **MAURITANIA: A NEW DESTINATION FOR ASIANS SEEKING TO IMMIGRATE TO EUROPE**

Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania, has become a transit point for Asians, particularly Pakistanis, who view it as a stopover before heading to Spain via illegal immigration. These individuals roam the city in search of migration opportunities. The capital of Mauritania, Nouakchott, is no longer just a destination for people from sub-Saharan African countries fleeing difficult humanitarian and economic conditions; it has now become a new destination for Asian nationals, especially Pakistanis, who consider it a transit point on their way to Spain. In the city center, Asian young men wearing traditional Pakistani attire stand out, with their olive skin tone distinguishing them from the African migrants that Mauritians are used to seeing.



### **MERKEL: ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PROBLEM CANNOT BE SOLVED AT INTERNAL BORDERS**

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel stressed that the solution to the problem of illegal immigration lies in international cooperation rather than closing Europe's internal borders. Speaking at the Cologne Literature Festival on Monday evening, Merkel made clear that combating illegal immigration requires coordination with countries of origin and transit, rather than focusing on Europe's internal borders.



### **CONCERN OVER DOZENS OF MIGRANTS DROWNING WHILE TRYING TO REACH SPAIN BY BOAT**



Walking Borders reported that around 50 migrants may have drowned while trying to reach Spain by boat from West Africa. Moroccan authorities rescued 36 people from a boat carrying 86 migrants. In 2024, more than 10,000 migrants died while trying to reach Spain, most of them via the Atlantic route. The organisation had alerted authorities about the missing boat, while Alarm Phone said it had informed the Spanish rescue service, which had no information about the boat.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF IRREGULAR MIGRANTS WHO LEFT TUNISIA VOLUNTARILY**

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad, Mohamed Ben Ayad, confirmed that Tunisia succeeded, thanks to its diplomatic efforts, in securing the voluntary return of 7,250 irregular migrants from sub-Saharan African countries in 2024. This was done in coordination with the International Organization for Migration and neighboring countries (Algeria and Libya), in addition to cooperation with African countries to facilitate voluntary return. It is worth noting that this topic, which relates to revealing the number of irregular migrants who left Tunisia voluntarily, was published on the Tunisian source, and the editorial team at "Press Bee" verified its accuracy, with the possibility of making some modifications or quoting from it. You can follow the latest news developments from the original source.

