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GUANTANAMO RECEIVES FIRST GROUP OF MIGRANTS UNDER TRUMP'S ORDER

The first plane carrying ten deported immigrants from the United States has landed at Guantanamo Bay, as part of the implementation of executive orders issued by US President Donald Trump to deport immigrants. An American official confirmed that a US aircraft A C-17 took off from El Paso, Texas, carrying a group of migrants, bound for the maximum-security prison facility, which was previously used to hold Al Qaeda members. The official said the plane landed in the evening at its destination, while the Department of Homeland Security said the ten migrants on board were suspected of belonging to the Venezuelan gang "Tren de Aragua."



AMBASSADOR NAILA GABR: DESPITE THE SUCCESSES OF SOME IMMIGRANTS, THE CURRENT SITUATION HAS NEGATIVELY AFFECTED THEM

Ambassador Naila Gabr, Chairperson of the National Coordinating Committee to Combat and Prevent Illegal Migration and Human Trafficking, confirmed that the committee is a ministerial body affiliated with the Prime Minister. She explained that its role is based on coordination between different bodies, as it contributed to drafting legislation, including issuing the first law in the Middle East defining the crime of human trafficking and setting penalties for smugglers. The committee is also working on conducting specialized studies on illegal migration, and has submitted several reports to monitor the movement of migrants and develop a map showing the governorates that export the most of them.



GUATEMALA: GOVERNMENT APPROVES 40% INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MIGRANTS DEPORTED FROM US



Guatemalan President Bernardo Arevalo said on Wednesday that the number of deportees the country receives from the United States, including those from third countries, will be increased, after meeting with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. We agreed to increase by 40 percent the number of flights for deportees, whether they are returning citizens or foreigners who will be sent back, Arevalo said.

US AUTHORITIES PREPARE TO USE GUANTANAMO BASE AS A CENTER FOR DEPORTING IMMIGRANTS



More than 300 US soldiers have begun work on preparing the Guantanamo military base to receive deported illegal immigrants. The site stated "Military" US that "army and marine soldiers were sent to the naval base in Guantanamo, where 310 military personnel were performing their duties there on Monday."

MEPS ACCUSE TUNISIA, LIBYA OF 'EXPLOITING' MIGRANTS FOR PROFIT

European Parliament Report Accuses Tunisia of Deporting and Handing Over Migrants to Libya. Members of the European Parliament presented a report accusing Tunisia of “extradition” of migrants to Libya, based on the testimonies of 30 migrants expelled between June 2023 and November 2024. According to what was published by the website State Trafficking, a group of anonymous researchers and academics backed by several MEPs, presented the report to the European Parliament on Wednesday, January 29. The report alleges for the first time that the Tunisian state is directly involved in the “rendition” of captured irregular migrants, who are likely to be subjected to human trafficking.



FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER, THE US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WARNS MIGRANTS OF ARREST

The US Secretary of Defense announced, while inspecting his forces deployed on the Mexican border, that all available capabilities would be used to support the "deportation and detention of individuals who are in our country illegally, including the US base in the Gulf of Mexico. Hegseth visited the forces deployed on the border to combat irregular immigration, at a time when the US administration is implementing a strict policy against immigration. According to Agence France-Presse.



COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT CALLS TRUMP'S MIGRANT POLICIES FASCIST PRACTICES



Colombian President Gustavo Petro has likened US President Donald Trump's policies toward migrants to "fascist practices. In an interview with a private TV channel on Saturday, Petro confirmed that Trump "considers every immigrant a criminal. He called for not criminalizing any entire population group, explaining that "this is exactly what happened in Germany in 1933, when a religious group was criminalized, and it ended up with the extermination of six million people.

BULGARIA: QUESTIONS OVER FRONTEX VOLUNTARY RETURN PROGRAMME

In March 2023, the European Commission and the Bulgarian authorities announced the launch of a “pilot” programme aimed at supporting migrants in Bulgaria, which officially joined the Schengen Area on 1 January of the same year, to return voluntarily to their countries. The launch of the project coincided with growing concerns from observers and experts who expressed their concern about ongoing human rights violations in Bulgaria. Many migrants who have transited Bulgaria describe the country as “hell,” citing police violence, robbery and forced expulsions. Despite these conditions, in March 2023 the European Commission selected Bulgaria and Romania to launch this “pilot” project to support the voluntary return of migrants.



STUDY REVEALS INCREASE IN EDUCATION RATE AMONG INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS IN MOROCCO

A recent study showed that more than 50% of international migrants in Morocco benefited from education in Moroccan educational institutions. The study was conducted in the Hassani district of Casablanca, which is one of the most prominent areas attracting migrants to the Kingdom. The study also found that Arabic is the most widely used language for communication among migrants, with more than 40% of them mastering Moroccan colloquial Arabic. The study, prepared by the Arab-German Democratic Center and published in the latest issue of the Arab Journal of Translation Science, was titled "International Immigrants in the Host Country: Between Integration Challenges and Integration Stakes."



PENTAGON DETAINS 10 MIGRANTS AT GUANTANAMO BASE

The Pentagon announced the arrival of ten immigrants to the Guantanamo Bay detention camp in Cuba, indicating that they pose a significant threat. The White House later explained that they belong to a powerful gang. President Trump also issued an order last week to expand the immigration detention center at Guantanamo to accommodate 30,000 illegal immigrants. The camp was established in 2002 in the context of the war on terror after the September 11 attacks.



TUNISIA: AN UNSECURED TRANSIT COUNTRY WITH A SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN MIGRANT FLOW



The announcement by the Tunisian authorities of a decrease in the number of people arriving in the country and then moving from its coasts to European coasts has raised many questions about the reasons for this decline and Tunisia's ability to control the expected irregular migration operations. Brigadier General Khaled Jarad, an official in the Tunisian National Guard, revealed that the authorities were able to thwart the attempts of about 80,000 irregular migrants at sea, while about 19,000 of them were recorded crossing into European territory.

LIBYA AND EU HOLD TALKS ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND BORDER SECURITY

The Libyan Ministry of Interior and the European Union Mission in Libya discussed the issue of illegal immigration and border security during a meeting of the technical committee to follow up on this issue, which was held in the presence of representatives of the relevant international organizations. The Ministry of Interior explained in a statement yesterday that the meeting discussed the national strategy for dealing with illegal immigration and border security, which focuses on spreading awareness of the dangers of illegal immigration, reducing the number of irregular migrants, and developing border crossings and areas in accordance with international standards for integrated border management.

