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ALGERIA RELEASES 23 MOROCCAN MIGRANTS AND HANDS THEM OVER TO AUTHORITIES IN RABAT

The Moroccan Association for the Aid of Migrants reported that Algerian authorities released a new batch of Moroccan detainees yesterday, Tuesday, including 23 young men who were candidates for irregular migration. The association stated in a statement that this operation came after a hiatus of about a month and a half, noting that the extradition process took place via the Zouj Bghal border crossing, and included Moroccans who were detained or had completed their sentences in Algerian prisons. According to the Moroccan newspaper Hespress, those released come from several Moroccan cities, including Fez, Oujda, Taza, Nador, Mechraa Belksiri, Tandrara, Berkane, Errachidia, and Selouane.



VENEZUELAN IMMIGRANTS PETITION US COURT TO SUSPEND DEPORTATION ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE ALIEN ENEMY ACT

A group of Venezuelan immigrants in Texas filed a petition with the Supreme Court on Friday seeking to halt their deportation under the enemy alien law. CNN reported that this urgent appeal represents the second time that the Supreme Court has been presented with President Donald Trump's use of 18th-century emergency war powers. The network noted that the Supreme Court had last week allowed President Trump to use this authority, while emphasizing the necessity of granting deported immigrants under it formal notice that they are subject to the law, in addition to the opportunity to review their situation before a competent federal court. In the details of the new appeal, the immigrants' lawyers asserted that their clients "face immediate deportation" under the law, noting that the authorities did not provide them with the required notices that the Supreme Court deemed necessary.



IN A SHOCKING REPORT, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH URGES EUROPE, DURING A CONFERENCE IN QATAR, TO ACTIVATE AERIAL SURVEILLANCE TO RESCUE MIGRANTS



The organization explained that, during a meeting with the agency's executive director, Hans Leijten, on the second of this month, it submitted a petition calling for concrete measures to enhance rescue operations for ships in danger of sinking.

DEPORTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS UNDER TRUMP: RENEWED CRISES AND ONGOING AMBITION



The team surrounding US President Donald Trump still clings to a strategic ambition: to deport one million illegal immigrants during the first year of the new administration. Although this number appears to be enormous in numerical terms, its realization on the ground faces complex legal, administrative, and procedural challenges.

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION INCLUDES TUNISIA ON THE LIST OF "SAFE" COUNTRIES TO WHICH IT CAN RETURN MIGRANTS

The European Commission on Wednesday included Tunisia, along with other countries such as Egypt, on its list of "safe countries" after assessing their human rights conditions, allowing the return of rejected asylum seekers. The Commission explained in a statement that this list, which has been criticized by human rights groups, will allow EU member states to process asylum applications submitted by citizens of the countries included in it according to accelerated procedures, on the basis that these applications are unlikely to be accepted. Although the number of irregular migrants entering the European Union fell by 38% last year, the lowest level since 2021, migration remains a sensitive issue for the EU's 27 member states.



PARLIAMENTARIAN: MAURITANIA GUARANTEES THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS, AND WE SUPPORT THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

The head of the parliamentary group in charge of immigration and refugee affairs, MP Zein El Abidine Ould El Mounir, said that Mauritania guarantees the rights of migrants on its territory and provides them with basic services that guarantee them a decent life. In an interview with Sahara 24, Ould El-Munir explained that the parliamentary team plays an awareness-raising and coordinating role in supporting the government in its efforts related to migration, through the exchange of expertise and contributing to the development of relevant legislation.



UNICEF: THOUSANDS OF MIGRANT CHILDREN HAVE BEEN KILLED OVER THE PAST DECADE WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN



The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said that approximately 3,500 migrant children have died or gone missing over the past decade while trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea to Italy, at a rate of one child per day. UNICEF warned in its report that the actual number of children killed or missing is likely to be much higher than this figure.

THE TALIBAN ANNOUNCES ITS READINESS TO REPATRIATE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN

The Afghan Consul General in Peshawar, Mohibullah Shakir, said that the time has come for Afghan citizens to return home, expressing his appreciation for Pakistan's support to Afghan refugees for over 40 years. He added that the Taliban government is ready to facilitate the return of Afghan citizens to Afghanistan, noting that a special committee has been formed by the Afghan authorities to oversee the process. Speaking to reporters in Peshawar, he explained that camps have been set up in Afghanistan to receive the returnees, with transportation and basic facilities provided to ensure their smooth return. He assured that Afghan citizens will not face any difficulties during their return.



HAS MAURITANIA BEGUN TO CRACK THE CODE ON IRREGULAR MIGRANT SMUGGLING OPERATIONS?

Within three days, the National Gendarmerie was able to dismantle several networks active in smuggling irregular migrants, in addition to thwarting attempts to smuggle others to European coasts. These operations come at a time when the Mauritanian authorities are implementing a campaign to combat the smuggling of illegal migrants, in addition to deporting those who entered the country in a manner that the government considers illegal. These operations, which took place in a short period of no more than three days, show that security services have already begun gradually dismantling the complex smuggling networks, which rely on fake identities and hidden networks, making tracking them difficult since the government began expressing concern about the increasing number of migrants entering the country, which constitutes “economic, social and security pressure.



SECURITY FORCES FOILED AN ATTEMPT BY THREE MIGRANTS TO INFILTRATE TUNISIA THROUGH THE RAS AJDIR BORDER CROSSING

The Law Enforcement Department of the General Directorate of Security Operations announced yesterday, Thursday, that it had thwarted an attempt by three migrants to infiltrate Tunisia via the Ras Ajdir land port. The administration stated in a statement that its patrols were able to arrest three Bangladeshi nationals while they were attempting to illegally cross into Tunisian territory through this port.



SEARCHING FOR EVIDENCE AT THE MASS GRAVE SITES OF MIGRANTS IN ZELLA



A team from the General Authority for Research and Identification of Missing Persons continued its search for evidence at the sites of mass graves of irregular migrants recently discovered in Jufra. These efforts come within the framework of the Public Prosecution's investigations into the killing, smuggling, and extortion to which the migrants were subjected. The Authority was tasked with uncovering the details of the killing of a number of them at the hands of human traffickers,

SPANISH AUTHORITIES HAVE DISMANTLED A NETWORK SMUGGLING MOROCCAN MIGRANTS, OFFICIALS SAID

The Spanish Civil Guard announced, on Sunday, the dismantling of a smuggling network that was illegally transporting between 1,000 and 2,500 Moroccan migrants from Romania to Spain, in exchange for a payment of 3,000 euros per person. A Civil Guard statement said that four people were arrested in Murcia Province, southeast Spain, on charges of belonging to a criminal organization and organizing illegal immigration, without revealing their nationalities. The network targeted Moroccan migrants wishing to reach Spain, asking them to pay three thousand euros to be flown to Romania, and then transported by minibus to the Iberian Peninsula.

