

THE NEWSCAST

10 BODIES FOUND ON THE BEACH IN MARSА MATROUH... A NEW TRAGEDY OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

In a sad scene, residents of the Azizia area, west of the city of Barani in Matrouh Governorate, found the bodies of ten illegal immigrants of different nationalities on the evening of the second day of Eid al-Adha, who had drowned in the sea. The bodies were found washed up on the beach. Medical sources confirmed that among the victims were a Libyan and a Sudanese national, while the other eight bodies belonged to Egyptian citizens from Assiut Governorate. The victims were transferred to Matrouh General Hospital, where they were placed at the disposal of the Public Prosecution Office, which has begun investigations to determine the circumstances of the incident and accurately identify the drowned.



A SYRIAN NATIONAL WAS CONVICTED OF FACILITATING THE SMUGGLING OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Last weekend saw an increase in irregular migrant crossings across the English Channel, with more than 1,200 migrants arriving on British shores on Saturday, May 31 alone, while 184 others were rescued overnight off the coasts of Fort-Mahon and Wimereux. On the same night, in the Neuvenmoulins area of the Somme department in northern France, gendarmes stopped a driver who was trying to flee the scene of an accident. According to the newspaper "La Voix du Nord," the pursued vehicle was registered in Poland and had two men on board. Equipment suspected of being used in smuggling operations was found in its trunk, including five 20-liter gasoline containers, a 20-person inflatable boat, an engine, and 35 life jackets.



BULGARIA DISMANTLES MIGRANT SMUGGLING NETWORK, ARRESTS 18 PEOPLE, INCLUDING SYRIANS



In a coordinated security operation involving officers from Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, and Moldova, a migrant smuggling network working to transport migrants from Turkey to European Union countries was dismantled. The operation resulted in the arrest of 18 people, including Syrians. The network was primarily targeting Syrian migrants.

SPAIN: SUPREME COURT ORDERS GOVERNMENT TO TAKE URGENT MEASURES TO RECEIVE UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT CHILDREN



Spain's Supreme Court has issued a ruling requiring the government to take urgent measures to address the situation of thousands of unaccompanied minor migrants in the Canary Islands and facilitate their asylum applications. The court also warned of the possibility of coercive legal action against officials if the ruling is not implemented.

NEARLY 50 MIGRANTS, INCLUDING CHILDREN, WERE RESCUED FROM AN OIL PLATFORM OFF THE LIBYAN COAST

The Spanish NGO Open Arms announced that it rescued 54 migrants stranded on an oil platform in the central Mediterranean off the Libyan coast on the night of Saturday to Sunday, June 7-8. Among them were children and a woman who had recently given birth. The organization stated in an official statement that the migrants had been stranded on the platform for three days after the rubber boat they were on, which had set sail from Libya on Tuesday, sank. Video footage showed the moment the rescue operation was carried out, amid intense panic and fear, and strong winds during the night.



THE UNITED NATIONS WARNS: THE SUDANESE REFUGEE CRISIS IN CHAD IS WORSENING AND IS CLOSE TO SPIRALING OUT OF CONTROL

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) announced that the humanitarian situation in eastern Chad is rapidly deteriorating, with the number of Sudanese refugees more than tripling since the outbreak of war in Sudan. The agency noted that most of these refugees have been subjected to serious human rights violations, both humanitarian and physical. According to the United Nations, nearly 4 million people have fled Sudan since the outbreak of armed conflict in April 2023, describing this number as "catastrophic" in one of the world's worst displacement crises.



UNICEF: URGENT ACTION NEEDED TO PROTECT MIGRANT CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION AND LOSS



Children embark on migration or refugee journeys, sometimes accompanied by their families, and sometimes alone, exposing themselves to great dangers along the way. Many of them cross the sea alone, facing life-threatening dangers and falling victim to exploitation at the hands of smugglers, both on the way to Europe and even after arriving there.

14 BODIES OF AFRICAN MIGRANTS WERE FOUND ON A BOAT OFF THE COAST OF VENEZUELA.

Venezuelan Interior and Justice Minister Diosdado Cabello announced on Thursday that the bodies of 14 African migrants had been found adrift off the coast of the northeastern state of Delta Amacuro. According to local media, the bodies were in an advanced state of decomposition, suggesting that the boat may have set sail from the West African coast toward Spain's Canary Islands before veering off course and drifting across the Atlantic Ocean. Cabello confirmed that the victims, some of whom were from Mali, died of dehydration and starvation, with no evidence of gunshot wounds.



FRANCE CONSIDERS OPERATIONS TO REPEL MIGRANT BOATS IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

France is considering changing its policies to allow it to intercept migrant boats in the English Channel, which is currently in violation of the Law of the Sea, which prohibits French police from intervening at sea except in the case of rescue operations. In order to combat irregular migration from the northern French coast to the United Kingdom and to confront the phenomenon of taxi boats carrying migrants and operated by smugglers, France is studying a plan to intercept these boats, which are placed in the sea before the migrants board them, to avoid police interception on land.



ALGERIA INTENSIFIES MIGRANT DEPORTATIONS AMID ESCALATING POLITICAL TENSIONS WITH NIGER

As relations between Algeria and Niger remain frozen following the July 26, 2023, coup against President Mohamed Bazoum, Algerian authorities have intensified their deportation of irregular migrants. Since last April, they have deported more than 16,000 people to the border with Niger. These measures have drawn criticism from human rights organizations, citing what they describe as the harsh conditions the deportees endure before being regrouped at designated points.



MEXICO EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER RAIDS TARGETING MIGRANTS IN LOS ANGELES



The Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed its deep concern over the widespread arrests of irregular migrants that began on June 6 in Los Angeles, California. The ministry said in a statement: "The Mexican Foreign Ministry is deeply concerned about the operations carried out by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement in several cities, particularly in Los Angeles, which led to the arrest of a number of migrants, including Mexican citizens."

YEMEN RECEIVES HUNDREDS OF IRREGULAR MIGRANTS IN ONE WEEK

Despite the harsh treatment of irregular migrants arriving from the Horn of Africa, Yemen's coasts continued to receive hundreds of them in less than a week. Meanwhile, Yemeni authorities were able to rescue more than 183 people who had been detained by smugglers, amid mounting complaints about the limited capacity to accommodate these migrants or limit their flow towards border areas. Informed sources revealed to Asharq Al-Awsat that the authorities are making continuous efforts to limit the flow of migrants, but the deteriorating economic conditions amid the ongoing war with the Houthi group have led to an expansion of smuggling activities, both by sea and land.

