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LIBYAN COAST GUARD FIRES ON RESCUE SHIP OCEAN VIKING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The humanitarian rescue ship Ocean Viking was fired upon by the Libyan Coast Guard while in international waters, about 40 miles north of the Libyan coast, while searching for a migrant boat in distress. The organization explained SOS Méditerranée The ship, which chartered the vessel in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said that 87 people were on board and were rescued in two separate operations, adding that the attack occurred despite obtaining permission from the Italian coordination center to continue search operations.



12 NORTH AFRICAN MIGRANTS DISAPPEAR OFF THE COAST OF SPAIN'S BALEARIC ISLANDS

The Balearic Islands government announced on Saturday, August 23, that 12 migrants from the Maghreb were missing after they jumped from a boat heading to the Spanish archipelago on Friday. Rescue teams were able to retrieve 14 other people who were on the same boat, about 58 kilometers southwest of Cabrera Island. Authorities confirmed in a statement that "12 people are still missing after jumping into the sea. RTVE reported that the search operation involved a Civil Guard helicopter and a patrol boat, but was later halted, along with another operation to locate three migrants who went missing on August 20.



BRITAIN ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO THE ASYLUM SYSTEM



The British government has announced plans to reform the asylum appeals system, in an effort to address a backlog of more than 106,000 cases, including 51,000 that take an average of more than a year to resolve.

BULGARIA SEIZES 20 RUBBER BOATS BEING PREPARED TO SMUGGLE MIGRANTS ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL



Bulgarian authorities announced the seizure of 20 rubber boats used to smuggle migrants across the English Channel to the United Kingdom, in a new operation that reveals the expanding scope of the fight against illegal immigration networks.

HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION: ABOUT 35 MIGRANTS HAVE DIED IN THE NIGER DESERT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

The organization announcedDesert Phone AlarmNGOs report that at least 35 migrants have died in the Niger desert since the beginning of the year and through August, while attempting to cross to Libya and Algeria on perilous journeys to reach Europe.Aziz Shehu, the organization's coordinator in Niger, said that the documents they have indicate that between 35 and 40 people died during that period, explaining that some of the victims died after being abandoned by smugglers or because their vehicles broke down in the middle of the desert, where they tried to walk long distances in search of water before collapsing from hunger and thirst.



SPAIN: TENSIONS BETWEEN THE BALEARIC ISLANDS GOVERNMENT AND MADRID OVER THE DECREE DISTRIBUTING MIGRANT MINORS

The Balearic Islands government has announced its intention to appeal to the Supreme Court to suspend a government decree redistributing unaccompanied minor migrants among Spanish regions, with the exception of the Basque Country and Catalonia.Local government leader Marga Bruhins (People's Party) said at a press conference last Thursday that the archipelago "will not accept an imposition of distribution that cannot be implemented with dignity and humanity," noting that the shelters have exceeded their capacity by more than 1,000%, with the archipelago currently housing about 680 minors, while 49 more are expected to be added under the central plan.



A MIGRANT BOAT SANK IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN, KILLING THREE UNDERAGE SISTERS AND LEAVING ONE PERSON MISSING. ABOUT 65 MIGRANTS WERE RESCUED



The German Relief Organization announcedRiskshipOn Sunday, August 24, three minor sisters died and another person went missing after a rubber boat packed with migrants sank while they were trying to cross the Mediterranean from Libya to Italy in bad weather conditions.

FORMER GERMAN CHANCELLOR MERKEL: WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT IN THE REFUGEE RECEPTION FILE

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel has confirmed that she does not believe her decision to allow hundreds of thousands of refugees into Germany ten years ago has burdened the country, stressing..."Germany is a strong country, and I was confident that it could meet the challenge, she said, referring to her famous "We can do it" slogan from 2015. In an interview in a documentary for the networkARDMerkel explained that Germany has made significant progress in integrating migrants, but stressed that the task remains ongoing and requires more work. She added that she was aware from the beginning of the difficulty of the challenge, but at the time rejected the option of using force to prevent refugees from entering.



THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE CANARY ISLANDS CALLS ON THE EUROPEAN UNION TO DEPLOY FRONTEX NAVAL AND AIR FORCES

The Canary Islands government has called on the European Commission to expand the deployment of Frontex forces in the Spanish archipelago, by providing them with aircraft, ships, radars, and advanced systems to enhance maritime and border surveillance. The head of the local government, Fernando Clavijo, suggested that Frontex's presence on the islands should be "sustainable and proportionate" to the specificity of the geographical area, stressing the need for resources compatible with the Atlantic Ocean environment.



STARMER IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM HIS OWN MPS TO ADOPT A TOUGHER APPROACH TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, FOLLOWING FARAGE'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS DEPORTATION PLAN


British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer is facing increasing pressure to take a tougher stance on immigration, with even some of his own MPs believing his asylum reforms are insufficient. Starmer has been warned that he could lose the next election if his government fails to control the Channel crisis, and one backbencher has called for a "national emergency" that would include halting most asylum applications.



MEXICAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MIGRANT SMUGGLING CASE

Mexican National Pleads Guilty in Alien Smuggling Case

On August 26, 2025, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York announced that 40-year-old Jose Rodriguez Barajas pleaded guilty to conspiracy to smuggle aliens and three separate alien smuggling offenses.



Albany - New YorkMexican national Jose Rodriguez Barajas, 40, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to smuggle aliens, along with three other charges, Acting U.S. Attorney John A. Sarcone III and U.S. Border Patrol Swanton Sector Chief Robert Garcia announced.

U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT RELEASES LIMITED DETAILS ABOUT THE ARREST OF 24 PEOPLE IN CENTRE COUNTY

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement revealed (ICE) released some information about the August 19 arrest of 20 people near Bellefonte, noting that it has released only limited details about most of those arrested. She explained that among those arrested was a man who had previously been arrested in El Salvador on murder charges and was suspected of belonging to a gang.MS-13, in addition to an undocumented immigrant from Honduras with a criminal record that includes convictions for assault, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest dating back to 2011. The arrests were made during a targeted enforcement operation during a traffic stop on Highway 99 near Bellefonte.

