

(WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ON IRREGULAR MIGRATION ISSUES)

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THE NEWSCAST

462 ILLEGAL EGYPTIAN IMMIGRANTS REPATRIATED

Benghazi, August 10, 2025 (Wal) - The Al-Butnan branch of the Anti-Illegal Immigration Agency announced the deportation of 462 irregular Egyptian immigrants through the Amsaid land port, in preparation for their return to their homeland. The agency's media office explained that deportation operations are carried out daily with the highest levels of discipline, within the framework of the comprehensive security plan that was adopted in coordination with the various relevant security agencies, with the aim of expediting procedures and limiting any illegal activities that threaten national security.



CANARY ISLANDS: FIRST TRANSFER OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS TO THE MAINLAND TAKES PLACE AMID AUTHORITIES' CONCERNS ABOUT THE SYSTEM'S SLOW OPERATION

Ten unaccompanied minors were transferred from the Canary Islands to the Iberian Peninsula, pending the decision on their asylum applications. This is the first operation of its kind aimed at relieving pressure on migrant reception centers for minors in the archipelago. This move was implemented in accordance with Supreme Court rulings and a government decree issued five months ago. The operation involved the transfer of nine minors from Mali and one minor from Senegal on a commercial flight from Las Palmas, the capital of Gran Canaria, accompanied by employees from state-partner organizations and specialists from relevant ministries, according to the Spanish news agency EFE.



PORTUGAL: SUPREME COURT BLOCKS BILL IMPOSING IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS



Portugal's Constitutional Court rejected a draft law regulating foreigners' affairs, deeming some of its provisions unconstitutional. Immediately after the ruling, the President of the Republic announced his rejection of the bill and his return it to Parliament, which will reconsider it after the summer recess in September.

SEARCH OPERATIONS FOR MISSING MIGRANTS OFF THE COAST OF SARDINIA, ITALY



Patrol boats and a helicopter of the Guardia di Finanza, in cooperation with coast guard vessels, are carrying out search operations off the coast of Sant'Antico, southwest of Sardinia, for traces of migrants believed to have drowned.



NORTHERN FRANCE: MIGRANT DIES TRYING TO CROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL AMID CONTINUING INFLUX OF MIGRANTS TOWARDS THE UK

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GREEK GOVERNMENT: IMPOSING ELECTRONIC BRACELETS ON MIGRANTS SLATED FOR DEPORTATION

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ITALY BANS SEABIRD MIGRANT RESCUE PLANE



The Italian Aviation Authority refused(ENAC) granted a 20-day flight permit to the Sea-Watch NGO's SeaBird 1 surveillance aircraft, one of three used by the organization to monitor the situation of migrants at sea. Italian authorities are known to detain NGO rescue ships for various reasons, but this is the first time the measure has included an aircraft, Sea Watch confirmed.

38 MIGRANTS ARRIVE BY SEA IN SOUTHERN PORTUGAL

The Portuguese Navy has increased its patrols along the southern coast after a wooden boat carrying 38 migrants docked, authorities announced on Saturday, August 9, 2025, calling on residents to report any similar cases. A statement by the National Republican Guard said:(GNR) The rescue operation was carried out by the Coast Guard and Border Surveillance Unit (UCCF) in collaboration with the Faro Regional Command. Among the migrants were 25 men, 6 women, and 7 minors. They arrived on Friday evening at a beach near the town of Vila do Bispo in the Algarve region, in the far south of Portugal.





THREE MIGRANTS WENT MISSING IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN WHILE TRYING TO REACH A BOAT TO SEEK HELP

Migrants reported that three of their companions, two men from Guinea and a minor from Cameroon, jumped into the sea in a desperate attempt to attract the attention of a boat that was far away from the rubber dinghy they were traveling in, but they disappeared in the turbulent waters. According to the migrants' accounts, the other 49 passengers reported the incident to the Italian Coast Guard and staff at the hotspot on the Sicilian island of Lampedusa, after they were rescued last Thursday in the Strait of Sicily and taken to the island.



ATTEMPTS TO CROSS THE BORDER INTO CEUTA ARE INCREASING AMID OVERCROWDING IN MIGRANT DETENTION CENTERS

Local newspaper El Faro de Ceuta reported that not a day went by this week without 100 or more attempts to cross into Ceuta. Since late July, dozens of migrants have been attempting to enter the Spanish enclave daily by swimming or in small boats, taking advantage of the thick fog that characterizes the summer.



FIVE PEOPLE ARRESTED IN GERMANY ON CHARGES OF SMUGGLING SYRIAN REFUGEES



German authorities, in cooperation with their counterparts in the Netherlands and Bosnia, carried out a coordinated security operation on Thursday that resulted in the arrest of five Syrians, aged between 26 and 37, on charges related to smuggling Syrian refugees into Europe.

BALEARIC ISLANDS: MORE THAN 50 MIGRANTS RESCUED IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS FROM THREE BOATS

On Thursday morning, August 7, authorities intercepted a boat carrying 24 sub-Saharan African migrants near Cabrera, about three miles southwest of the island, in a joint rescue operation between the Maritime Rescue Service and the Civil Guard's Maritime Service. No details have been released about their health or subsequent transfer arrangements. This operation came just one day after the rescue of 35 migrants in two separate incidents. On the morning of Wednesday, August 6, the Spanish Civil Guard, in cooperation with the Maritime Rescue Service, rescued 21 migrants from sub-Saharan Africa, who were on a small boat spotted eight miles south of the island of Formentera, at 10:05 a.m., with the assistance of the Civil Guard's aviation.

