

# THE NEWSCAST

## AN ENDLESS SEARCH FOR THE MISSING BETWEEN LIBYA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

Families of missing people between the Mediterranean Sea and Libya are living in a restless search and heart-wrenching waiting, waiting for any sign that reassures them of their loved ones. Some of them reached out to and shared stories of absences and search trips, hoping for news that would revive hope for a meeting or reveal their fate. A young Algerian man is looking for his friend A young Algerian man says that his close friend Shaker Saifour left the province of Jijel for Tunisia and then Morocco, and decided on July 27th to swim from Fnideq to Ceuta, before he was cut off from that day.



### 145 MIGRANTS RESCUED NEAR GAVDOS, SOUTH OF CRETE, WITHIN 48 HOURS

Greek authorities announced that 145 migrants from North Africa and neighbouring countries off the island of Gavdos, south of Crete, were rescued within 48 hours, and transported to the mainland to complete the screening of files and the examination of protection claims. In recent weeks, Crete has witnessed a significant increase in the number of arrivals by sea, in parallel with intensive rescue operations, which has put the local authorities under escalating absorption and service pressure, and deepening the features of a humanitarian crisis on the island.



### ON THE SIDELINES OF UN MEETINGS: IOM CALLS FOR INTENSIFIED COOPERATION IN MIGRATION MANAGEMENT



At UNGA 80, IOM urges stronger global cooperation to support migrants and make migration a driver of development.

### SANT’EGIDIO LAUNCHES APPEAL: REFUGEES CAUGHT BETWEEN BARRIERS AND EU POLITICS



UNHCR has warned of the serious consequences of cuts in international humanitarian support in the Sahel and Central and West Africa – particularly Germany's upcoming budget cuts for 2025 – stressing that the stability of these regions has a direct impact on the whole of Europe, and calling for the expansion of legal and safe pathways for refugees.



**PAINFUL TESTIMONIES REVEAL BEATINGS AND TORTURE OF REFUGEES  
BY LIBYAN AUTHORITIES**

Videos released by Refugees in Libya in early September showed dozens of refugees lying on the ground inside a detention centre in the city of Tobruk, Libya's easternmost coast. The scenes are a new example of violence and abuse against asylum seekers in the country, according to observers. Scenes documenting accumulation and neglect In a video on September 1st, dozens of migrants appeared barefoot, without blankets or mattresses, amid a suffocating silence. According to the organization, more than 900 people are being held in the same place, while the video shows at least 100 people huddled in a narrow courtyard.



**THE TRAGEDY OF EMIGRATION TO  
CEUTA... EGYPTIAN SURVIVES CERTAIN  
DEATH AFTER 40 HOURS AT SEA**

On July 16, 2025, a Spanish family of sailing enthusiasts came across a 23-year-old Egyptian man on their way to the Balearic Islands, only to rescue him from the sea after he tried to reach Spain by swimming. The young man, Rafi Nadi, had left Morocco for Ceuta with only a wetsuit, fins and a buoy. But instead of traveling a short distance, he was swept away by currents and waves for more than 100 kilometres until he was found by chance near the coast of Andalusia , 20 kilometres from Malaga.



**41 REFUGEES ARRIVE IN ITALY  
THROUGH HUMANITARIAN  
CORRIDORS THROUGH CARITAS  
CATHOLIC**



On the evening of September 18, 2025, 41 refugees belonging to 11 migrant families from Yemen, Sudan and Somalia arrived at Fiumicino Airport in the Italian capital, Rome, as part of the humanitarian corridors program supervised by the Catholiccharity Caritas.

**LIBYA FACES A NEW INFUX OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION... MORE THAN 200  
EGYPTIANS AMONG THE DEPORTEES**

As irregular migrants continue to flow into Libya trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea—described as the world's most dangerous migration route—and as human trafficking networks become more active, Libya's anti-migration agencies and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are facing increasing pressure due to limited rescue capacities and restrictions on humanitarian operations. Deportation of 207 Egyptians On September 22nd, 2025, Libyan authorities announced the deportation of more than 200 Egyptian irregular migrants to their country. Brigadier General Mohamed Breidaa, an official with the Anti-Illegal Migration Agency in Tripoli, explained that the operation will be carried out by land and includes 207 Egyptian migrants.





# DAMASCUS WITNESSES SIT-IN TO DEMAND THE DISCLOSURE OF MISSING AND IMPRISONED SYRIANS IN LIBYA

On Monday morning, September 22, 2025, Damascus witnessed a sit-in in front of the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kafr Soussa, organized by dozens of families who lost their children and relatives in Libya after trying to flee the ravages of the war in Syria towards Europe. Among the participants is Um Youssef, who lost her brother in Libya on October 31, 2023. She says it was "the first trip that was completely lost", followed by a series of disappearances. She set up a WhatsApp group that brings together more than 200 families who lost their children on the migration route through Libya to share news and support.



# IMMIGRATION TO BRITAIN VIA THE CHANNEL IS ON THE RISE... MORE THAN 1000 MIGRANTS IN 24 HOURS

Despite French and British statements about tightening measures to counter migration across the Channel, migrant boats continued to flow towards British shores. British authorities announced the arrival of more than 1,150 migrants on September 19 and 20, 2025, including 1,072 on Friday alone on 13 small boats set off from northern France, and another 85 migrants on Saturday on a single boat.

# SYMBOLIC DEMONSTRATION IN FRANCE: SHOES ON THE BEACH TO COMMEMORATE VICTIMS OF CHANNEL MIGRATION



On September 20th, hundreds of pairs of shoes were placed on the beach of Calais in northern France, in memory of the 518 migrants who have died trying to cross the Channel since 1999, according to a tally by rights groups that denounced the new agreements between France and Britain on migration.



# ARRESTED IN ITALY FOR ISSUING FAKE PERMITS THAT ENABLE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Italian police have arrested two people in the city of Piacenza on charges of illegally trafficking in immigration permits, in an operation that has exposed an international network suspected of making more than 1 million euros by selling fake entry documents to migrants. Case Details Judicial authorities have issued precautionary measures against the detainees — the director of a tax assistance center and a tax consultant — after accusing them of using fraudulent methods to obtain 141 entry permits into Italy, exploiting loopholes in a government decree regulating immigration quotas.

