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GREECE ANNOUNCES THE RECOVERY OF TWO BODIES AFTER A BOAT SANK IN THE AEGEAN SEA NEAR RHODES

The Greek Coast Guard announced on Saturday, August 30, that the bodies of a man and a girl were found on the beach of the island of Rhodes in the Aegean Sea, after a rubber boat that had set sail from the Turkish coast with about 12 migrants on board sank. According to the authorities, the remaining passengers were able to reach the mainland, where three of them were arrested, while 38 other migrants were found in the Gennadi area of the island.



A TRAGIC TOLL: MORE THAN 700 MIGRANTS HAVE BEEN KILLED OR MISSING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

The International Organization for Migration in Libya announced, via an update published on the X platform on Thursday, August 28, that at least 427 migrants died and lost 319 others while trying to cross the central Mediterranean route from the beginning of the year until August 23. The UN agency also stated that 14,920 migrants were intercepted at sea during the same period and returned to Libya, including 12,939 men, 1,324 women, and 482 minors, in addition to 145 people whose gender was not determined. In a related context, the International Organization for Migration in Tunisia announced that it had facilitated the return of

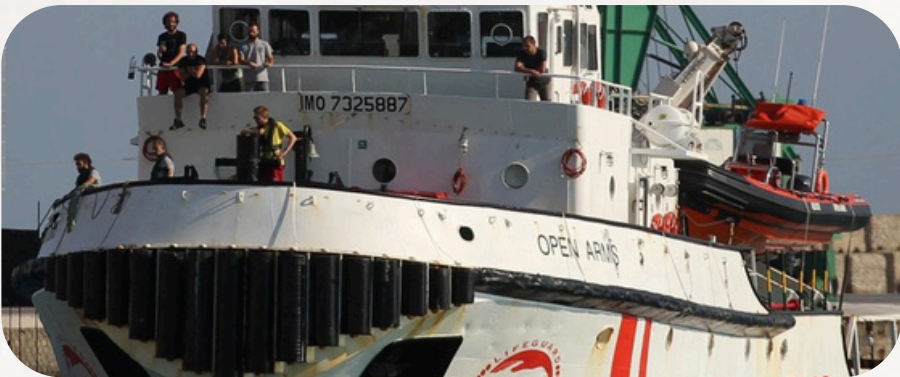


A TRIPARTITE EUROPEAN DIALOGUE ON POLICIES TO DEPORT MIGRANTS TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



The interior ministers of Italy, France, and Germany held a meeting in Rome on August 29, at the invitation of Italian Interior Minister Matteo Piantedosi, to discuss ways to cooperate on the migration issue ahead of upcoming EU-level meetings, which will address the issue of safe countries of origin.

THE CANARY ISLANDS WILL HOST THE HUMANITARIAN SHIP "OPEN ARMS" FOR TWO MONTHS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE SITUATION OF MIGRANTS



The Open Arms ship has been docked since August 28 in Tenerife, Canary Islands, for two months as part of a campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of the Atlantic migration route, which often witnesses tragic accidents due to strong winds and rough waves.

GREEK MIGRATION MINISTER: SIGNIFICANT DROP IN MIGRANT NUMBERS AFTER ASYLUM APPLICATIONS SUSPENDED FOR A FULL MONTH

Greek Migration Minister Thanos Plevris expressed relief on Thursday at the decline in the number of migrants arriving on the island of Crete, which has become the main port of entry for boats arriving from North Africa in recent months. This decline comes a month after the government decided to suspend the processing of asylum applications for three months. The minister explained, in an interview with state television, ERT reported that the number of arrivals during the first week of July reached 2,642, while the number has decreased to less than 900 migrants since July 9, when the government's measure began.



GERMANY: DUBLIN CENTERS' FAILURE TO DEPORT MIGRANTS RAISES QUESTIONS DESPITE PROMISES TO STRICTLY ENFORCE THE LAWS

Although more than half a year has passed since the opening of the Dublin centers, designated for deporting asylum seekers from Germany to the EU countries responsible for their applications, official data reveals that the number of deportees remains extremely limited. Despite government promises to strictly enforce the laws, efforts have yielded only a handful of deportees. This reality raises questions about the effectiveness of these centers and the role of churches, which have sometimes become a haven preventing the implementation of deportation orders.



144 MIGRANTS WERE RESCUED AFTER DAYS OF BEING LOST IN THE MEDITERRANEAN



The German NGO operating the Sea-Eye 5 announced that on Sunday, August 31, it carried out its largest rescue operation to date, after rescuing...144 migrants. They were on a dilapidated wooden boat that had been lost for several days in the Mediterranean Sea.

THE UNITED NATIONS REDUCES THE UNHCR BUDGET DESPITE THE DOUBLING OF DISPLACEMENT CRISES AROUND THE WORLD

The UNHCR announced that it will reduce its budget by \$10.2 billion to \$8.5 billion starting in 2026, according to a document published on its website. The plan includes austerity measures, most notably the closure of the Pretoria office in South Africa in early October, in addition to canceling approximately 4,000 jobs, without specifying all the geographical areas that will be affected by the decision. The Pretoria office hosts refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and displaced persons from northern Mozambique, whose files will later be transferred to other regional offices.



SPAIN: ARREST OF 16 MIGRANTS WHO SURVIVED DEATH AFTER BEING FORCED TO ABANDON THEIR COMPANIONS AT SEA

The rescue boat disaster near the Canary Islands has become an even greater shock, after initial investigations revealed the possibility that survivors were involved in throwing live passengers into the sea, driven by beliefs and superstitions. The Spanish police announced the arrest of 16 people. Among 251 survivors, they arrived in Gran Canaria on August 24, after an 11-day journey across the Atlantic Ocean. The detainees are suspected of committing acts of violence during the voyage, which may be linked to the deaths of up to 70 migrants.



LONDON ANNOUNCES A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF REFUGEE FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROCEDURES

British Home Secretary Yvette Cooper announced on Monday, September 1, that the government has decided to temporarily suspend the processing of new applications for family reunification for refugees, as part of what she described as a tightening of asylum policy and the fight against human trafficking.



ITALY: MUNICIPALITIES WARN OF FUNDING CRISIS FOR MIGRANT MINORS, CALL FOR EMERGENCY MEETING



On August 29, the National Association of Italian Municipalities called for a meeting at the Ministry of the Interior to address the funding crisis for unaccompanied minors and the difficulties of disembarking migrants, in addition to the lack of transparency in implementing the European Migration Pact, with Interior Minister Matteo Piantedosi attending.

DOZENS OF MIGRANTS RESCUED AFTER NEARLY A WEEK OF SUFFERING ON AN EGYPTIAN SHIP

The rescue ship was able to. On Tuesday, September 2, the German NGO Sea-Watch evacuated 41 migrants stranded on the Egyptian merchant vessel Maridive 208 after spending six days in the Mediterranean. According to a Sea-Watch statement, the migrants launched a distress call on August 28 after setting sail from Libya, and the Alarm Phone organization received their distress call. (Alarm Phone) The report was sent to the relevant authorities. Despite the seriousness of the situation, European authorities refrained from immediate intervention, while seven migrants remain missing after falling overboard before help arrived.

