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THE DUTCH-UGANDAN AGREEMENT TO DEPORT REJECTED MIGRANTS IS CAUSING A MAJOR CONTROVERSY IN EUROPE

The Dutch government's announcement of the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Uganda regarding the return of rejected migrants and asylum seekers to their countries of origin via a temporary transit center within Uganda has sparked widespread controversy within the Netherlands and Europe. The government maintains that the agreement aims to reduce illegal residency and expedite return procedures, while human rights organizations warn that the move could constitute a violation of European law and international asylum principles.



ITALIAN REGIONS PROTEST AFTER THE STATE DELAYS PAYING THE COSTS OF CARING FOR UNACCOMPANIED MINOR REFUGEES

The Italian region of Emilia-Romagna has sent an official letter to the central government in Rome, demanding the payment of approximately €16 million in arrears spent by regional and municipal governments on the care of unaccompanied foreign minors, which have not yet been reimbursed. Isabella Conte, the region's social welfare councilor, stated in a letter addressed to the Ministries of Interior and Economy that the funds owed to the region have not yet been transferred, despite representing a burden that threatens the financial sustainability of the hosting system. Conte explained that the current financial system, which sets fixed allocations for three-month periods without taking into account the actual needs of municipalities, causes serious financial imbalances.



91 MIGRANTS RESCUED OFF LAMPEDUSA AMID REPORTS OF NEW DEATHS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN



On Sunday, October 19, the Italian coast witnessed an exceptional rescue operation off the island of Lampedusa. The Italian Coast Guard rescued 91 migrants from an overcrowded boat that had encountered severe difficulties at sea. Two men were found dead on the lower deck of the vessel.

THE FRENCH COAST GUARD RESCUED 185 MIGRANTS ATTEMPTING TO CROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL TO BRITAIN



French authorities rescued 185 migrants attempting to cross the English Channel to Britain on irregular rubber dinghies, despite increased security measures.

**THE FLOW OF MIGRANTS TO SPAIN'S CANARY ISLANDS IS INCREASING,
AND AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE ARE MISSING AT SEA.**

Between October 13 and 16, Spain's Canary Islands witnessed successive waves of migrants crossing the Atlantic Ocean. At least 555 people arrived in the archipelago, while three migrants were reported missing during a rescue operation. On Thursday, October 16, Spanish emergency services announced a series of simultaneous rescue operations after spotting several boats carrying migrants heading toward the islands. They noted that some of the boats were overcrowded and in a state of severe deterioration due to the length of the journey and the dangers of the Atlantic route.



**PARIS WITNESSES A DEMONSTRATION
AGAINST ADMINISTRATIVE
BUREAUCRACY... AND IMMIGRANTS: THE
SYSTEM PREVENTS OUR INTEGRATION**

On Thursday, October 16, 2025, the French capital, Paris, and several other cities witnessed demonstrations organized by dozens of activists from the French organization La Cimade, which defends the rights of immigrants. They protested what they described as "administrative violence" in dealing with foreigners seeking to regularize their legal status in the country.



**THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT RATIFIES
THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT
WITH LIBYA TO CONTROL IRREGULAR
MIGRATION**



In mid-October 2025, the Italian Chamber of Deputies approved a proposal submitted by members of the right-wing ruling coalition to renew the memorandum signed between Italy and Libya on managing migration flows.

**LIBYA UNDER FIRE: NGOS CONDEMN ESCALATING VIOLENCE IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN**

In recent months, violent attacks attributed to Libyan authorities against migrant boats and humanitarian aid vessels operating in the central Mediterranean have escalated, according to European NGOs. In a recent report, the German organization Sea-Watch documented at least 60 incidents of violence perpetrated by Libyan militias between 2016 and September 2025, noting that these practices continue despite international warnings. Humanitarian organizations accuse the EU-Libya migration agreements of encouraging impunity and contributing to the continued abuse of migrants fleeing across the Mediterranean.



TUNISIAN AUTHORITIES ARE TRYING A NUMBER OF ACTIVISTS ON CHARGES OF AIDING MIGRANTS IN THEIR ILLEGAL MIGRATION

In a move that has raised concerns among local and international human rights circles, Tunisian judicial authorities have begun the trial of a group of activists working to support refugees and migrants, including Mustafa Jamali, a former official with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) who holds Tunisian and Swiss citizenship. Non-governmental organizations have condemned the trial, arguing that it criminalizes humanitarian work and contradicts Tunisia's international obligations to protect migrants.



THE NETHERLANDS ADOPTS THE TRUMP MODEL ON IMMIGRATION: DEPORTING REJECTED MIGRANTS TO UGANDA

A new report reveals that the Dutch government is preparing to deport dozens of rejected asylum seekers to Uganda under a new agreement described as similar to the one struck by former US President Donald Trump's administration, despite warnings of potential legal and humanitarian challenges.

THE GREEK COAST GUARD RESCUED 42 MIGRANTS NEAR THE ISLAND OF GAVDOS IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY



The Greek Coast Guard announced on Tuesday the rescue of 42 migrants from a boat about 15 nautical miles off the southern island of Gavdos. According to the Greek newspaper Kathimerini, the Coast Guard explained that a Frontex vessel and two passing vessels participated in the operation, and the migrants were safely transported to the port of Gavdos.



THE GREEK GOVERNMENT GIVES IRREGULAR MIGRANTS A DEADLINE TO LEAVE BEFORE SEVERE PENALTIES ARE IMPOSED

Greek Migration and Asylum Minister Thanos Plevris issued a circular calling on irregular migrants to leave the country voluntarily, warning them of possible administrative detention or imprisonment if they fail to comply, Anadolu Agency reported. According to the circular, authorities plan to distribute warning forms to migrants residing in closed accommodation centers, reception and identification centers, and asylum application centers. The documents indicate that people who do not have refugee status and are not entitled to international protection are considered to be residing illegally in the country.

