

THE NEWSCAST

IN BONN... MERKEL REMINDS MERZ OF THE VALUE OF MODERATION AND ITS TRUE MEANING

Angela Merkel's appearance at the Bonn Opera House was not merely a literary gathering or a book reading, but a political spectacle par excellence. The former chancellor, who had remained silent since leaving office, returned to deliver an indirect but clear message to her successor in the party, Friedrich Merz, criticizing his hardline rhetoric in the ongoing debate about "the image of cities," and reminding everyone that politics, at its core, is not a field for shouting, but a space for reason and humanity.



EUROPE INTENSIFIES PRESSURE ON THE LIBYAN COAST GUARD FOLLOWING REPORTS OF ABUSES AGAINST MIGRANTS

Thirty-eight members of the European Parliament have called for a halt to funding for all Libyan security agencies, citing what they described as “serious abuses” against irregular migrants, a move that puts increasing pressure on Tripoli. In a joint letter, the MEPs, representing the Socialists and Democrats, Renew Europe, the Greens, and the Left, stated that the time has come to stop all forms of financial, technical, and operational support to the Libyan Coast Guard, the Directorate for Combating Irregular Migration, and any other security agency in Libya. Libyan political analyst Khaled Mohamed Hejazi believes this stance reflects a significant shift in European policy toward migration, where the focus is no longer solely on curbing the flow of migrants, but has expanded to include holding partners accountable for violations related to those policies.



GEORGIA MELONI UNITES THE POSITIONS OF 12 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO HOLD TALKS ON THE MIGRATION ISSUE



Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni succeeded in bringing together 12 EU countries to one discussion table during an informal meeting on migration held on the sidelines of the European Council meeting on October 23, with the aim of accelerating deportations and strengthening European cooperation to address migrant flows.

ANOTHER TRAGEDY IN THE AEGEAN SEA: AT LEAST FOUR MIGRANTS KILLED AFTER A BOAT SANK OFF THE COAST OF LESBOS



Just three days after the tragedy of 17 migrants drowning in the Aegean Sea, the region witnessed a new incident off the island of Lesbos on Monday, which resulted in the death of at least four migrants and the rescue of seven others, all of whom were of Sudanese nationality.

**FREE FLIGHTS TO REPATRIATE SYRIAN REFUGEES STRANDED IN LIBYA
AFTER YEARS OF WAITING**

Damascus announced a special program to repatriate its citizens stranded in Libya, a move described as aimed at facilitating the return of those whose journeys to Europe were disrupted. According to Agence France-Presse (AFP), thousands of Syrians have registered to benefit from the program, while approximately 700 people have already received travel permits and tickets issued by a travel agency cooperating with the Syrian embassy in Tripoli. These facilitations come after the embassy reopened.



**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR
MIGRATION: CONTINUOUS INFLUX OF
SUDANESE MIGRANTS TO LIBYA FLEEING
THE WAR IN THEIR COUNTRY**

In an interview with Agence France-Presse, the director of the International Organization for Migration, Amy Pope, warned of the worsening influx of Sudanese migrants to Libya fleeing the war in their country, noting that more than 357,000 Sudanese have arrived in Libyan territory since 2023.



**SEPARATED FAMILIES AWAIT HOPE...
FREEZING FAMILY REUNIFICATION
PROCEDURES SHATTERS REFUGEES'
DREAMS OF MEETING AGAIN**



For more than three months, hundreds of refugees in Germany have been living in a painful state of waiting after a government decision froze family reunification procedures for those granted subsidiary protection, leaving the dream of meeting families suspended indefinitely.

**PROTESTS ERUPTED OVER MERETZ'S STATEMENTS ON
IMMIGRATION... BUT A MAJORITY OF VOTERS STAND BY HIM**

The debate continues to rage in Germany over Chancellor Friedrich Merz's remarks on immigration and the cityscape, with street protests contrasting sharply with widespread support in opinion polls. Demonstrations took place in several German cities, including Berlin, Cologne, Heidelberg, and Münster, on Thursday (October 23, 2025), condemning Merz's comments, which were perceived as discriminatory against immigrants. In Cologne, police estimated the number of participants at around 1,200, while organizers claimed it exceeded 5,000. In Heidelberg, approximately 1,350 people marched in a demonstration organized by a feminist group under the banner For a Beautiful City Image.



SWEDEN IS MOVING TOWARDS ABOLISHING ITS PERMANENT RESIDENCY
SYSTEM FOR REFUGEES... A NEW STEP THAT CONFIRMS THE TIGHTENING OF ITS
IMMIGRATION POLICIES

Sweden is moving towards an unprecedented tightening of its immigration policies, with the conservative coalition government preparing to introduce a bill to revoke permanent residency permits granted to refugees and those benefiting from protection. According to Swedish public television (SVT), the decision would affect between 98,000 and 180,000 people and has already sparked a storm of criticism from human rights and political circles, with some even describing it as a threat to the rule of law.



IRELAND: DUBLIN SEES SECOND NIGHT
OF RIOTS IN PROTEST AGAINST
IMMIGRATION POLICIES

A new wave of anti-immigrant riots erupted in the Irish capital, Dublin, following the arrest of a man suspected of sexually assaulting a 10-year-old girl. The incident has reignited simmering social tensions surrounding immigration and asylum issues in the country. Violent clashes and arrests marked the second night of unrest. Irish police (AN Garda) announced the arrest of 23 people after hours of violent confrontations near the Citywest Hotel, which is being used as a center for asylum seekers.



ANOTHER TRAGEDY IN THE AEGEAN
SEA: 16 MIGRANTS DIE AFTER BOAT
CAPSIZES OFF THE WESTERN COAST
OF TURKEY



On Friday, the western coasts of Turkey witnessed a new tragedy on the migration route across the Aegean Sea, as a rubber boat carrying 18 irregular migrants sank off the coast of Mugla province, resulting in the death of 16 people and the disappearance of others.

A ONE-FOR-ONE DEAL BETWEEN PARIS AND LONDON SPARKS
CONTROVERSY: FRANCE ACCEPTS DEPORTED MIGRANTS, INSISTING THEY
SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN DEPORTED IN THE FIRST PLACE

A new human rights report has revealed that a number of men deported from Britain to France under a one-for-one agreement should never have been deported in the first place. Some are potential victims of modern slavery or suffer from severe mental health problems, while others have strong family ties in the UK. The Human Rights Network (HFRN) explained in its report, published on Thursday, October 23, that the first group of deportees included individuals suffering from severe depression and others with families in Britain, despite being deported under the new agreement between Paris and London.

