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BRITAIN PROPOSES NEW PLAN TO RESTRICT PERMANENT RESIDENCY CONDITIONS AMID WIDESPREAD CONTROVERSY

During the Labour Party conference on Monday, September 29, 2025, British Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood announced a sweeping overhaul of the immigration system aimed at tightening the conditions for obtaining permanent residency and British citizenship. According to the plan, migrants wishing to settle will have to prove their financial independence and contribute to the economy and society by working and participating in volunteer activities, while avoiding reliance on subsidies, providing a clean criminal record, and proficiency in English at an advanced level.



GERMANY DEPORTS 50 IRAQI NATIONALS TO BAGHDAD AMID CONCERN OVER YAZIDIS

At dawn on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, German authorities deported 50 Iraqis on a plane that took off from Düsseldorf airport towards Baghdad. The Ministry of Refugee Affairs in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia reported that among those deported were 46 people from the state, including 26 convicted of crimes, along with seven members of the Yazidi minority, which sparked widespread criticism and demands to halt their deportation due to their critical human rights situation and Germany's responsibility towards them.



NEARLY 200 IRREGULAR MIGRANTS ARRIVE IN THE BALEARIC ISLANDS VIA 11 BOATS IN 48 HOURS



In just two days, from Friday evening to Sunday evening, September 28, 185 irregular migrants arrived in Spain's Balearic Islands via 11 boats, mostly from North African and sub-Saharan African countries, local media reported, citing the islands' government, confirming that all arrivals were in good health.

TWO ITALIANS DECODE THE “MIGRANT CODE” TO REVEAL SMUGGLERS’ SECRET LANGUAGE



Two Italian researchers have deconstructed the "migrant code", a clandestine communication system used by human smugglers to manage irregular migration journeys from the Sahel region to Europe.

HUMAN SMUGGLING NETWORK DISMANTLED IN GERMANY AFTER WIDESPREAD RAIDS AND ARRESTS

As part of its efforts to combat human smuggling, the German Federal Police carried out a large-scale security campaign in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia targeting a network suspected of smuggling Syrians into Germany through forged documents and illegal routes. The operation resulted in the arrest of a 32-year-old Syrian man and the seizure of a number of evidence. On Monday, September 29, 2025, the public prosecutor's office in Wuppertal and the Federal Police in Stuttgart explained that the raid included the search of four apartments and two shops in the cities of Mittmann, Bonn, Witten and Sbruckhöfel, with the participation of about 120 policemen.



TWO SOMALI WOMEN AND TWO OTHER YOUNG MEN DROWN IN CHANNEL SEA NEAR FRENCH SHORES

France's northern coast witnessed a tragic weekend with four migrants dying while trying to cross the Channel Sea towards the UK on irregular routes. Two Somali women died on Friday night to Saturday in the Pa-du-Calais region, while the body of a third migrant was recovered from a canal in the town of Gravelin. On Sunday morning, the body of a young migrant was found south of Boulogne-sur-Mer, bringing the death toll to four.



UK PLANS TO ISSUE A DIGITAL ID CARD BY 2029 AS PART OF EFFORTS TO COMBAT IRREGULAR MIGRATION



On September 26, 2025, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced a government plan to launch a mandatory digital ID card by 2029, which will be stored on mobile phones via an official app, in a move aimed at cracking down on irregular labor and curbing illegal immigration. But the announcement sparked widespread controversy that recalled the experience of Tony Blair's government two decades ago, which was aborted by popular and political opposition.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT APPROVES EXPANSION OF THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN POLICE AGENCY IN COUNTERING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MIGRANT SMUGGLING NETWORKS

European Parliament President Roberta Metsola described the agreement between the European Parliament and the Council to strengthen the role of the European police agency Europol in combating human trafficking and migrant smuggling as a decisive step. In a September 25th post on the X platform, Metsola confirmed that the new agreement will lead to the creation of the European Centre to Combat Migrant Smuggling (ECAMS) and the formation of a joint task force that includes Europol elements, stressing that the move will contribute to dismantling the criminal networks that profit from these activities.



BERLIN DISCUSSES DEAL WITH DAMASCUS TO DEPORT CRIMINALS AND FUGITIVES WHOSE ASYLUM CLAIMS HAVE BEEN REJECTED

German Interior Minister Alexander Dobrendt continues to push for the deportation of rejected Syrian asylum seekers from Germany, emphasizing the exclusion of those who have integrated well into society and the labour market. In statements to the Rheinische Post, Dobrant explained that the goal is to reach a quick agreement with Syria this year, noting that the priority will be to deport those convicted of crimes, followed by those who have not obtained the right of residence. "It is necessary to distinguish between those who have integrated into the labour market and society, and those who do not have refugee status and rely on social benefits.



AUTHORITIES SAY MORE THAN 10,000 MIGRANTS HAVE BEEN INTERCEPTED AT THE BORDER BETWEEN FRANCE AND ITALY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2025

Since the beginning of 2025, French security forces have intercepted some 10,400 migrants who tried to cross the border from Italy into France, most of them in the Menton region of the maritime Alps, security authorities confirmed on their official website. The number of migrants arrested daily at the border is between 200 and 300.

MAURITANIAN AUTHORITIES DISMANTLE A NETWORK INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING MIGRANTS TO SPAIN'S CANARY ISLANDS



Mauritanian police on Wednesday (September 24th) announced the dismantling of an irregular migrant smuggling network that had been active in organising transatlantic journeys to Spain's Canary Islands using improvised boats.

DOZENS OF NGOS ARE CALLING ON THE EUROPEAN UNION TO END ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE COAST GUARD IN LIBYA

On September 24th, dozens of NGOs sent an open letter to the European Commission calling for an end to funding to the Libyan Coast Guard, arguing that European support contributes to continued abuses against migrants and refugees. "European funds should not be given to parties that attack European citizens and people in distress at sea," the signatories of the letter stressed, referring to the incident in which the rescue vessel SOS Mediterranean was attacked last August in international waters by a vessel linked to a program funded by the European Union for the Libyan Coast Guard.

