

Less than 5,000 Mediterranean Arrivals in Past Week

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Posted: 09/05/17 **Themes:** Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency reports that Humanitarian Emergencies, Missing Migrants, Refugee and Asylum Issues 125,860 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2017 through 3 September. This compares with 289,681 arrivals across the region through 3 September 2016.

MEDITERRANEAN DEVELOPMENTS

TOTAL ARRIVALS BY SEA AND DEATHS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN 2016-2017				
	1 JANUARY – 3 SEPTEMBER 2017		1 JANUARY – 3 SEPTEMBER 2016	
Country of Arrival	Arrivals	Deaths	Arrivals	Deaths
Italy	99,846	2,364 (Central Med. route)	121,385	2,736 (Central Med. route)
Greece	15,369	45 (Eastern Med. route)	164,146	386 (Eastern Med. route)
Cyprus	501 (as of 31 July)		345	
Spain	10,144	128 (Western Med. route)	3,805 (as of 31/07/16)	116 (Western Med. route)
Estimated Total	125,860	2,537	289,681	3,238
<small>Data on deaths of migrants compiled by IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre. All numbers are minimum estimates. Arrivals based on data from respective governments and IOM field offices.</small>				

IOM's Missing Migrant Project (MMP) recorded the first fatalities in the Mediterranean since 9 August: the Tunisian Red Cross reports that up to 120 people are feared to have drowned after a boat capsized last Wednesday (30/09) off the coast of Ben Guerdane, Tunisia. Only one Nigerien migrant survived the shipwreck.

Additionally, on Thursday last week, a ship carrying 45 migrants sank off the coast of Melilla, Spain. Seven women lost their lives in this incident, five of whom were reportedly from the Congo, while the other two were Guinean nationals. These deaths bring the total of fatalities in the Mediterranean in 2017 to 2,537.

Worldwide, IOM's MMP reports that there have been 3,649 fatalities in 2017 through 3 September (see chart below). MMP recorded one dead and one missing after one small boat carrying migrants trying to cross from Costa Rica to Nicaragua capsized on Friday night; and one train accident in Querétaro, Mexico.

Global Migrant Deaths Jan 1 – September 3 <i>(Source: Missing Migrants Project)</i>		
REGION	2017	2016
Mediterranean	2,537	3,238
Europe	38	30
Middle East	57	88
North Africa	265	1027
Horn of Africa	156	118
Sub-Saharan Africa	147	65
Southeast Asia	45	67
South Asia	1	0
East Asia	1	3
North America	1	0
US/Mexico	252	251
Central America	53	96
Caribbean	96	58
South America	0	19
TOTAL	3,649	5,060

Meanwhile, yesterday (04/09), the NGO Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS) announced it was suspending its rescue operations in the Mediterranean and relocating its ship, the Phoenix, to South East Asia to rescue Rohingya refugees.

Latest Mediterranean Update

infographic: http://migration.iom.int/docs/MMP/170905_Mediterranean_Update.pdf

For latest arrivals and fatalities in the Mediterranean, please

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