



# Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 146,849 in 2017; Deaths Reach 2,783

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**Geneva** – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 146,849 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2017 through 18 October, with over 75 per cent arriving in Italy and the remainder divided between Greece, Cyprus and Spain. This compares with 320,033 arrivals across the region through the same period last year.



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## MEDITERRANEAN DEVELOPMENTS

TOTAL ARRIVALS BY SEA AND DEATHS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN 2016-2017				
Country of Arrival	1 JANUARY – 18 OCTOBER 2017		1 JANUARY – 18 OCTOBER 2016	
	Arrivals	Deaths	Arrivals	Deaths
Italy	110,329	2,594 (Central Med. route)	145,386	3,174 (Central Med. route)
Greece	22,105 (as of 17/10)	46 (Eastern Med. route)	168,857	415 (Eastern Med. route)
Cyprus	818		345	
Spain	13,597	143 (Western Med. route)	5,445 (as of 30/09/16)	120 (Western Med. route)
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>146,849</b>	<b>2,783</b>	<b>320,033</b>	<b>3,709</b>

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.



IOM Rome reported Thursday (19/10) that on Wednesday, 585 migrants were rescued in the Mediterranean and will be brought to land in the next few days. These latest rescues are in addition to the 110,329 migrants and refugees arriving by sea to Italy this year, according to IOM estimates.

IOM Athens' Kelly Namia reported on Thursday three events occurring since Sunday (15 October) off the

islands of Lesvos and Farmakonisi that required search and rescue operations. The Hellenic Coast Guard managed to rescue 95 migrants and transfer them to the respective islands.

Namia further reported that migrant sea arrivals to Greek territory totalled 2,431 for the first 17 days of October, and 22,105 for the year so far. (See chart below.)

Country	1 Jan – 31 Dec 2014	1 Jan – 31 Dec 2015	1 Jan – 31 Dec 2016	1 Jan – 17 Oct 2017
Greece	34,442	853,650	173,614	22,105

IOM Libya's Christine Petré reported Thursday on two at-sea rescues/interceptions near the Libyan capital, Tripoli. On 18 October, 121 migrants (91 men, 8 women and 22 minors) in one rubber boat were rescued, she said.

The majority came from Mali and Cote d'Ivoire. All were in good health. One of the women on the boat, a 38-year-old Nigerian, travelled on the boat with her 14-year-old son, aiming to reach Europe for a better life. They left Nigeria four months ago. But soon after the smugglers left their boat at sea it started to sink. "I was hugging my boy and kept telling him to stay with me. I asked him to close his eyes and pray," the mother told IOM.

On 17 October, 137 migrants (127 men, 4 women and 6 minors) were rescued/intercepted off Tripoli. The majority came from Morocco, Bangladesh, Egypt and Nigeria. All were in good health.

So far this year, 18,815 migrants have been rescued/intercepted in Libyan waters.

Worldwide, IOM's Missing Migrants Project (MMP) has recorded the deaths of 4,709 people migrating in 2017. Since last week, MMP recorded one death in Central America: a Honduran migrant fell from a freight train in Coatzacoalcos, Mexico. In the Middle East, two young men died when attempting to cross the Syrian-Turkish border near Darkoush in Idlib province, Syria.

In Southeast Asia, at least 11 people (including seven children) were reported to have drowned in the Naf River on Monday, 16 October, when their boat capsized as they fled violence in Rakhine State, Myanmar to seek refuge in Bangladesh. An estimated 30 migrants are missing. Since 31 August of this year, IOM's Missing Migrants Project has recorded the

deaths of 214 Rohingya on the Bangladesh-Myanmar border.

Off the coast of Sfax in Tunisia, the remains of nine more victims have been recovered from the incident that occurred on 8 October.\* The number of bodies recovered is now 44, with an estimated five migrants still missing. This past Monday (16 October), another body was recovered in a different location off the coast of Tunisia. These deaths bring the total of fatalities in the Mediterranean in 2017 to 2,783.

Missing Migrants Project data are compiled by IOM staff but come from a variety of sources, some of which are unofficial. To learn more about how data on missing migrants are collected, click [here](http://missingmigrants.iom.int/methodology) (<http://missingmigrants.iom.int/methodology>).

Global Migrant Deaths Jan 1 – October 18 (Source: Missing Migrants Project)		
REGION	2017	2016
Mediterranean	2,783	3,709
Europe	80	47
Middle East	94	103
North Africa	462	1109
Horn of Africa	170	158
Sub-Saharan Africa	370	73
Southeast Asia	259	67
South Asia	1	0
East Asia	1	3
North America	1	0
US/Mexico	281	315
Central America	63	109
Caribbean	144	79
South America	0	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,709</b>	<b>5,802</b>

*\*When deaths occur at sea, Missing Migrants Project often relies on the estimates of survivors once they are rescued, with the lowest estimate of missing persons always used in the dataset.*

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