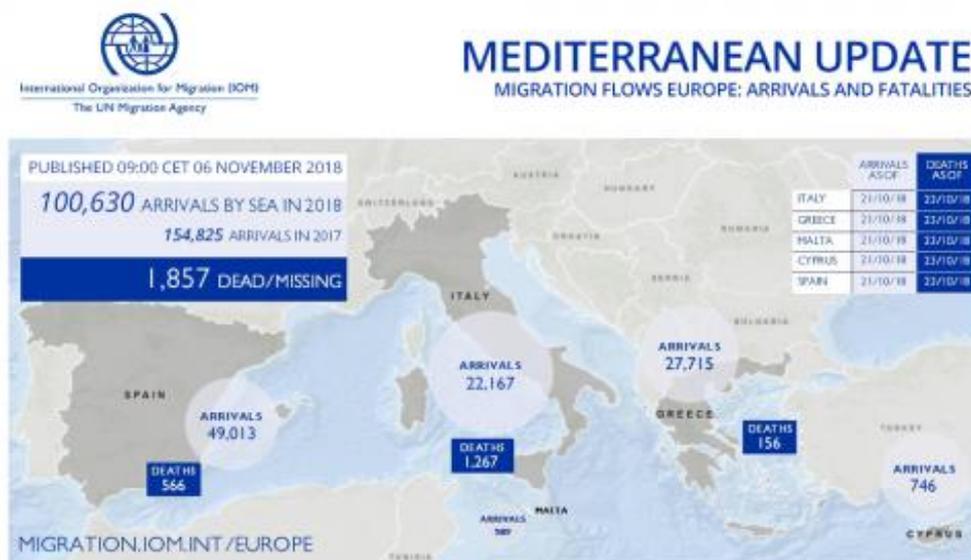


Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 100,630 in 2018; Deaths Reach 1,989

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Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 100,630 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2018 through 4 November, including 49,013 to Spain, the region’s most active destination point this year, with just under 50 per cent of all 2018 arrivals. The region’s total arrivals through the recent weekend compare with 154,825 arrivals across the region through the same period last year, and 337,773 at this point in 2016 (see chart below).

This marks the fifth straight year arrivals of irregular migrants and refugees have topped the 100,000 benchmark – although in all previous years that arrival threshold was reached much earlier in the year. Last year that quantity of arrivals was reached in July, just as was the case in 2014. In 2015 Mediterranean arrivals reached 100,000 in June. In 2016 the number was reached in February.

Mediterranean Developments

TOTAL ARRIVALS BY SEA AND DEATHS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN 2017-2018					
Country of Arrival	1 JANUARY – 4 NOVEMBER 2018		1 – 4 NOVEMBER 2018	1 JANUARY – 4 NOVEMBER 2017	
	Arrivals	Deaths	Arrivals	Arrivals	Deaths
Italy	22,167	1,267	136	113,970	2,749
Malta	989 (IOM est.)	(Central Med. route)	0	N/A	(Central Med. route)
Greece	27,715	156	342	24,372	56
Cyprus	746	(Eastern Med. route)	0	501 (as of 31/07)	(Eastern Med. route)
Spain	49,013 (as of 04/11)	566 (Western Med. route)	0	15,982 (as of 31/10)	155 (Western Med. route)
Estimated Total	100,630	1,989	478	154,825	2,960

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 Italy’s Flavio Di Giacomo reported Monday Italian authorities have released data on the

nationalities of those arriving by sea from North Africa through the end of October. The largest single sending country continues to be Tunisia, with almost 5,000 arrivals – almost all of whom are thought to be arriving in Italy directly from their own country.

Among the main arrivals coming from Libya are two from the Horn of Africa – Eritreans and Sudanese – and, from West Africa, citizens of Guinea, Mali, Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria – all of those in numbers considerably below those posted in previous years (see chart below). Pakistan, Algeria and Iraq were also among the leading sender nations.

ARRIVALS BY SEA TO ITALY - NATIONALITIES		
MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN		
1 January - 31 October 2018/ 2017 comparison		
(source: Italian Ministry of Interior)		
Main Countries of Origin	2018	2017
Tunisia	4.827	5.433
Eritrea	3.077	5.739
Sudan	1.596	5.852
Iraq	1.545	1.577
Pakistan	1.451	2.82
Nigeria	1.248	17.462
Algeria	1.099	1.93
Côte d'Ivoire	1.049	8.938
Mali	875	6.74
Guinea	809	9.361
TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN	22.031	111.397

IOM Libya reported this week that the total number of vulnerable migrants rescued or intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard through the end of October was 14,377 – or close to the number (14,349) who have agreed to Voluntary Humanitarian Return departures from Libya since the start of the year.

IOM Libya also reported this week that during the last two weeks of October the organization's staff had been able to assist 1,600 migrants in four different Libyan detention centres, and 93 more at disembarkation points along the Libyan coast.

IOM Spain's Ana Dodevska reported Monday total arrivals at sea in 2018 have reached 49,013 men, women and children who have been rescued in Western Mediterranean waters through 4 November (see chart below).

SEA AND LAND ARRIVALS 2018			
Month	Sea	Land	Total
January	1,400	782	2,182
February	1,102	416	1,518
March	867	417	1,284
April	1,258	448	1,706
May	3,523	414	3,937
June	6,926	397	7,323
July	7,855	1,085	8,940
August	6,406	616	7,022
September	8,054	345	8,399
October	11,010	778	11,788
November	612		612
TOTAL	49,013	5,698	54,711

IOM Greece's Christine Nikolaidou reported Monday that over five recent days (Wednesday, 31 October through Sunday, 4 November), the Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG) reported there were at least 10 incidents requiring search and rescue operations off the islands of Samos, Lesbos and Kos. The HCG rescued a total of 406 migrants and transferred them to the respective islands.

Additional arrivals of 219 migrants or refugees to those same islands – as well as to Rhodes – over those recent days brings to 27,715 the total number of arrivals by sea to Greece through 4 November (see chart below).

Arrivals by sea

COUNTRY	01 Jan – 31 Dec 2014	01 Jan – 31 Dec 2015	01 Jan – 31 Dec 2016	01 Jan – 31 Dec 2017	01 Jan – 4 Nov 2018
Greece	34,442	853,650	173,614	29,501	27,715

** Unofficial data collected by IOM Greece and the Greek authorities of arrivals by sea.*

IOM's Missing Migrants Project (MMP) estimates that at least 1,989 people died or went missing on migratory routes across the Mediterranean so far in 2018, compared with 2,960 at this time in 2017 and 3,780 in 2016.

This week IOM's Missing Migrants Project team recorded in the Eastern Mediterranean another death connected to the shipwreck of 22 October, when a boat carrying 34 people capsized off the coast of Bodrum, Turkey. Tragically, three children died at the hospital in Bodrum: two Palestinians and one Somali. About 27 per cent of the deaths documented this year in the Aegean Sea have been of children.

Worldwide, IOM's Missing Migrants Project estimates that at least 3,123 people died or went missing on migratory routes across the globe in 2018, the fifth consecutive year that more than 3,000 fatalities were recorded (see chart below).

Global Migrant Deaths Jan 1 – November 4 <i>(Source: Missing Migrants Project)</i>		
REGION	2018	2017
Mediterranean	1,989	2,960
Europe	89	87
Middle East	111	169
North Africa	71	766
Horn of Africa	156	171
Sub-Saharan Africa	118	519
Central Asia	52	-
Southeast Asia	66	296
South Asia	9	2
East Asia	3	1
North America	-	1
US/Mexico border	344	298
Central America	68	66
Caribbean	24	153
South America	23	-
TOTAL	3,123	5,489

In the Mediterranean, the remains of two men were recovered on the beaches of Morocco and Spain. On 29 October, the body of a Tunisian man was found on a beach outside of Nador. It is believed that he tried to reach Melilla (Spanish territory) from Morocco by

water. In the early hours of Monday this week, an unidentified man's body was found on the beach at Barbate, in southern Spain. He is believed to be a migrant who was trying to reach Spain from Morocco across the Strait of Gibraltar, although so far it is unclear what happened to the boat on which he was travelling.

Elsewhere over the weekend, a man trying to cross into the US from Mexico drowned in the Rio Bravo near El Indio, Maverick County, Texas. Last week, a Honduran man died of cardiac arrest soon after crossing the border into Starr County, Texas, where he was rescued by the US Border Patrol. The MMP also recorded the death of a 21-year-old Mexican man, who was found dead in the Sawtooth Mountains in southern California in mid-September. That young man was identified, and his remains are being repatriated to his family with the help of the local Mexican Consulate.

An Iraqi woman and her two children remain missing after trying to cross the Evros River from Turkey into Greece on 25 October. The woman's husband survived the crossing and alerted authorities that his loved ones were lost in the waters. Also, on 25 October, on the land border between Turkey and Greece, an unidentified migrant was killed when he was hit by a train outside Alexandroupolis, Greece.

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 migrants' deaths and disappearances are collected, click [here](#).

For latest arrivals and fatalities in the Mediterranean, please visit:

<http://migration.iom.int/europe>

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