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DEAR FRIENDS.

European elections have undoubtedly intensified the shift to the right, and not just in Germany. After all, in the UK the Tories are history for the time being after the early elections, and the Rwanda Agreement was buried with them. Symbolically and practically, this failure remains important, even if the British Social Democrats, like those in Germany, can immediately be expected to introduce other, new racist tightening measures. Then a big thank you to everyone in France who helped to prevent the next far-right takeover at the last minute, so to speak, last weekend. And as a final piece of election news, something encouraging from Italy, which has obviously been little publicised beyond the national media. Among its six newly elected MEPs the Green-Left Alliance was able to bring three candidates with special backgrounds into the EU Parliament: Ilaria Salis, an anti-fascist grassroots activist who was imprisoned in Hungary for over 16 months and then had to be released immediately due to her immunity; secondly, Domenico - Mimmo - Lucano, who was criminalised under Salvini as mayor of Riace for his solidarity practices with refugees; and finally, Leoluca Orlando, the former mayor of Palermo, who has repeatedly campaigned for the right to freedom of movement and the role of cities as "safe havens". We congratulate all three and hope for future support from Brussels as van der Leyen continues to brutalise migration policy and the far right becomes even louder.

Neuer britischer Premier

Starmer stoppt Plan für Abschiebungen nach Ruanda

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Es ist eine seiner ersten Amtshandlungen: Der neue britische Premier Starmer hat angekündigt, das umstrittene Asyl-Abkommen mit Ruanda zu beenden. Das hatte er im Wahlkampf versprochen.

Der neu gewählte britische Premierminister Keir Starmer will den umstrittenen Plan der Vorgängerregierung für Abschiebungen nach Ruanda stoppen. Er bestätigte einen entsprechenden Bericht des "Telegraph". Das Vorhaben sei "tot gewesen, bevor es gestartet ist", sagte er während einer Pressekonferenz. Es habe nie als Abschreckungsmittel funktioniert. Der Labour-Politiker hatte den Schritt zuvor angekündigt.

Wie der "Telegraph" schreibt, kann die britische Regierung die Übereinkunft mithilfe einer Klausel beenden. Damit würden auch Zahlungen an das Land sofort gestoppt. Der Zeitung zufolge hat das Vereinigte Königreich seit Inkrafttreten 270 Millionen Pfund überwiesen. Demnach wurde bislang aber kein Migrant nach Ruanda gebracht.



Credit: Pylos Commemoration

In June, two memorial days took place in quick succession: on 14 June 24, one year after Pylos with over 600 deaths, and on 24 June 24, two years after Melilla with at least 27 deaths and many disappearances. Two places that symbolise massacres at the EU borders and which have so far both remained without consequences for those responsible. "Justice means that the Greek government is held accountable for the dead, that those who caused us to drown are held accountable." These are the words

of a survivor from Pylos, whose voices took centre stage at the commemorative events. "The Nador-Melilla Trap - a counter-investigation into the racist massacre of 24 June 2022" is the title of an extensive investigation by Border Forensics, which was published to coincide with the second anniversary. This research not only reconstructs the deadly trap itself, but also analyses the preconditions and accuses the impunity and criminalisation of those affected afterwards.

Just like last year: despite and against the brutal violence at the external borders, thousands of People on the Move continue to make their way along the various routes. The overall number of arrivals remains much lower than in 2023, partly due to the fact that the Tunisian authorities are intercepting many people at the sea and deporting them to Tunisia or to the borders with Libya and Algeria. However, in all three Mediterranean regions - and in the west on the Canary Islands - respectively 20 to 25 thousand people made it through in the first half of the year. That remains considerable. At the same time, the civilian fleet in the central Mediterranean is defending itself - in some cases very successfully in legal terms - against the Italian government's arbitrary repression. Boats are still being supported and rescued almost every day in the cooperation between Alarm Phone, the civilian small aircrafts and the large and small civilian lifeboats at sea, see <https://civilmrcr.eu/category/diary/>. Solidarity for Safe Passages remains in demand again this summer at all levels.



**5 EINSÄTZE IN 24 STUNDEN: SEA-EYE
4 RETTET 231 MENSCHEN IM
MITTELMEER**



Am Sonntagmittag (7. Juli 2024) reagierte die Besatzung des zivilen Rettungsschiffs SEA-EYE 4 auf einen Notruf von Alarmphone und evakuierte 46 Personen von einem in Seenot geratenen Schlauchboot. Wenige Stunden später erhielt das Schiff eine weitere Alarmphone-Meldung. In diesem Fall war das Segelschiff NADIR der Organisation RESQSHIP zuerst vor Ort, stabilisierte das seeuntüchtige Schlauchboot, das Luft verlor und zum Teil mit Wasser gefüllt war, verteilte Rettungswesten und sicherte 22 Menschen

In this spirit, with solidarity greetings,

The Kompass crew

DATES AND INFORMATION FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2024

21.08.-25.08.2024 WE`LL COME UNITED SUMMER CAMP IN THURINGIA

"For August this year 2024, we are planning a summer camp for 150 people in the municipality of Waltershausen (www.kommune-kowa.de) in Thuringia..."

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.WELCOME-UNITED.ORG/DE/CALENDER/](https://www.welcome-united.org/de/caender/)

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COMMEMORATIVE ACTIONS ON THE PYLOS MASSACRE



One year after the massacre : Justice for the Pylos' victims and survivors

On 14 June 2023 more than 600 migrants were killed when their boat Adriana capsized after the authorities attempted to push them back to Italy instead of rescuing them from their already endangered boat. But despite the public attention and the international media presence due to the large death toll, no justice has been served for this atrocious and racist state crime. One year after, together with survivors and families of the ones who did not survive, the anniversary of this disaster was commemorate in

more than 20 different cities.

See the map of the different events organised:

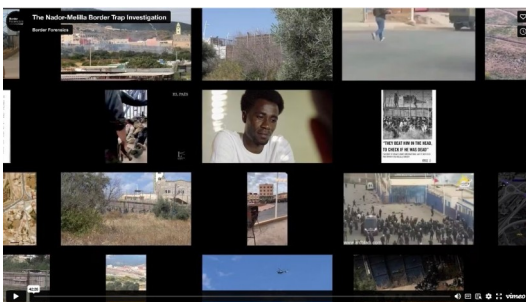
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Pictures:

<https://commemoration.net/14-june-2024/>

Interview with a survivor from Pro Asyl:

<https://www.proasyl.de/news/der-tod-hat-uns-gefunden-bevor-wir-das-leben-fanden/>



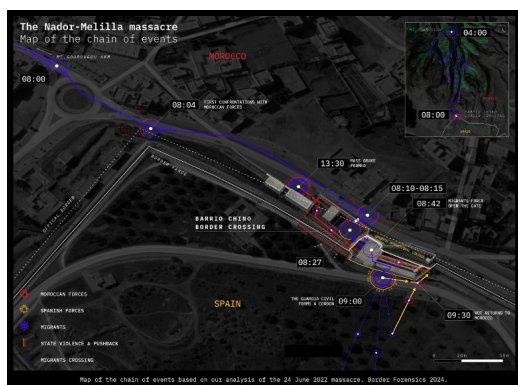
BORDERFORENSICS ON THE MASSACRE AT 24. JUNI 2022: THE NADOR-MELILLA BORDER TRAP

A counter-investigation into the racist massacre of 24 June 2022

By Border Forensics, in collaboration with Irídia-Centre for the Defense of Human Rights and AMDH-Moroccan Association for Human Rights

„On 24 June 2022, almost two thousand people tried to cross the border fence separating the Moroccan town of Nador from the Spanish-controlled town of Melilla. The mi-

grants' attempted crossing, which occurred at the Barrio Chino border post, was violently repressed by Moroccan and Spanish law enforcement agents. Only 134 people managed to enter Melilla and seek asylum. 470 people were deported back to Morocco by Spanish and Moroccan officials after they had crossed over to the Spanish-controlled side of the border fence. The violence inflicted on migrants by Moroccan and Spanish law enforcement agents that day turned the Barrio Chino border crossing into a death trap, and resulted in the formation of a mass grave. The Moroccan authorities have acknowledged 23 deaths, but the Moroccan Human Rights Association in Nador has counted at least 27 people killed on that day, and more than 70 remain missing to this day.



Despite the many images filmed by various actors and several reports published by official bodies, associations and journalists, there are still many grey areas concerning the course of events on that day. The Moroccan and Spanish authorities are far from having shed full light on the facts, and have instead prevented independent investigations from gaining access to a many essential elements of evidence.

How was this outburst of violence possible? Through what specific acts did it take place? Who was responsible? How and by whom was the Barrio Chino border post turned into a death trap?

Two years after the events, these questions have yet to be answered, and the demands for truth and justice from the survivors of the massacre and the families of the dead and disappeared have gone unheard. On the contrary, instead of using the judicial institutions to determine those responsible for the massacre, Morocco has used its judicial system to continue repressing the survivors of the massacre, several dozen of whom have been sentenced to prison for alleged acts of violence and other offences. The Spanish prosecutor has not found any evidence of violations and has closed his investigation....“

FIND THE COMPREHENSIVE COUNTER-INVESTIGATION IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH HERE:

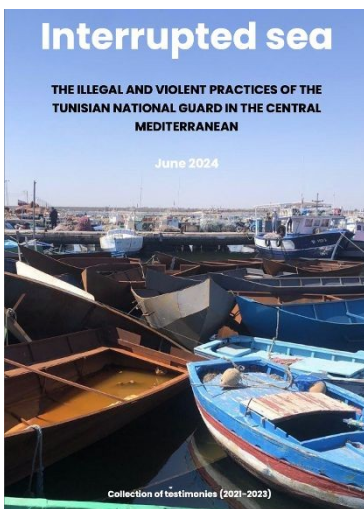
[HTTPS://WWW.BORDERFORENSICS.ORG/INVESTIGATIONS/NADORMELILLA/](https://www.borderforensics.org/investigations/nadormelilla/)

INTERRUPTED SEA - PULL AND PUSH-BACKS BY THE TUNISIAN BORDER AUTHORITIES

20.6.24: „On this World Refugee Day, transnational civil society is mobilising to denounce the murderous and racist policies in the Mediterranean!

Based on testimonies gathered by various actors of Tunisian and transnational civil society, this report documents the interception practices of the Tunisian National Guard in the Central Mediterranean. The data collected, based on 14 in-depth interviews conducted between 2021 and 2023 with exiled people who survived attacks at sea, highlight violent and illegal practices, ranging from non-assistance, to manoeuvres intentionally aimed at capsizing boats in distress, causing shipwrecks and costing the lives of many exiled people.

This brutalisation by the Tunisian border authorities, which has now been documented for several years, is taking place against a backdrop of increasing border outsourcing policies by the European Union and its member states. Faced with an increase in traffic on the Tunisian maritime route from 2021 onwards, and in the hope of limiting the number



of crossings, the EU has considerably increased its support for Tunisian security forces, setting up a “refoulement by proxy” regime, following the example of its cooperation with Libyan militias.

The fruit of a collective effort involving Alarm Phone and numerous actors from Tunisian civil society, for security reasons in the current context of criminalisation and repeated attacks on people and organisations in solidarity with migrants in Tunisia, it has been deemed preferable not to mention the latter.

In the face of repression, the publication of this report thus sounds like a promise – the promise that, whatever the attempts at intimidation, solidarity will continue to

express itself unabated. Together, we will continue to document the violent practices of the Tunisian coastguard and all other authorities involved in interception and refoulement in the Mediterranean, and violations of rights at sea.

Together, we denounce this repressive mobility control regime and the outsourcing policies that enable and encourage it.

Together, we are defending an open Mediterranean, based on solidarity and respect for the freedom of movement of all!”

LINK TO THE FULL REPORT HERE:

[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2024/06/20/INTERRUPTED-SEA/?POST_TYPE_RELEASE_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2024/06/20/interrupted-sea/?post_type=release_type=post)

CIVILFLEET: SEA EYE WINS COURT CASE AND BRINGS NEW SHIP

„In a hearing on Wednesday morning, the court in Reggio Calabria ruled in favour of Sea-Eye e.V.’s lawsuit and declared the 60-day detention of the SEA-EYE 4 in March 2024 to be unlawful. The judge found the allegations that the crew of the ship had not followed the instructions of the so-called Libyan coastguard to be unproven.

‘The Reggio Calabria judgement is a significant victory for us – and for all other sea rescue organisations! It clearly shows that the detention of civilian rescue ships is an abuse of state powers. We now urgently need the political support of the German government, because Italy is also disregarding the rights of our flag state with its unlawful detentions of German rescue ships. We urge the responsible ministries to take the judgement as an opportunity to campaign for an end to this practice in Italy’, says Gorden Isler, Chairman of Sea-Eye e.V.

The reason given by the Italian authorities for the detention of the SEA-EYE 4 was that on March 7th, the ship did not follow the instructions of the so-called Libyan coastguard, who, according to eyewitnesses, were pointing weapons at the rescue boat. The crew also did not hand over the people seeking protection to them. The SEA-EYE 4 rescued a to-

tal of 84 people from distress at sea during the operation. It was only in February of this year that the Italian Supreme Court of Appeal classified the handover of people to the so-called Libyan coastguard as a criminal offence, as the civil war country of Libya is not a safe place due to serious human rights violations such as torture, slavery, rape and arbitrary executions. The 60-day detention of the SEA-EYE 4 was the longest administrative detention imposed on a sea rescue vessel to date under the so-called Piantedosi Decree...”

FULL STATEMENT HERE: [HTTPS://SEA-EYE.ORG/EN/BREAKING-SEA-EYE-WINS-IN-ITALIAN-COURT-AGAINST-ITALY/](https://sea-eye.org/en/breaking-sea-eye-wins-in-italian-court-against-italy/)

„... Following the joint purchase of the SEA-EYE 4 in 2021, Sea-Eye e.V. and United4Rescue are sending another ship to the Mediterranean: the NIS RANDERS, an all-weather lifeboat formerly belonging to the German Maritime Search and Rescue Service (DGzRS). The ship will be overhauled in the coming weeks, christened SEA-EYE 5, and is due to embark on its first mission this summer. The all-weather lifeboat is a response to the ever-increasing hurdles on purely political grounds that are massively hindering civil sea rescue – hurdles such as the allocation of distant ports or the reform of the Ship Safety Ordinance...”

SEE: [HTTPS://SEA-EYE.ORG/EN/ALL-WEATHER-LIFEBOAT-FOR-THE-MEDITERRANEAN/](https://sea-eye.org/en/all-weather-lifeboat-for-the-mediterranean/)

REVIEW

8 JUNE IN FRANKFURT

As part of the day of action against right-wing extremism with numerous rallies and demonstrations on squares in Frankfurt, a space was created on the Römer where voices were heard that all too often go unheard: voices from the external borders, voices from the refugee camps, voices from deportation detention centres, voices from church asylums, voices from the everyday struggles for equal rights for all people and many more. A successful two-hour programme with many banners in front of Frankfurt City Hall...

JOG IN POTSDAM



ABSCHIEBEMINISTER
INNENMINISTER*INNEN-
KONFERENZ: IRIS
SPRANGER ZUR
ABSCHIEBEMINISTERIN
2024 GEWÄHLT

"As part of the gala evening organised by Youths Without Borders (JoG) at the Potsdam Museum today, Berlin Senator of the Interior Iris Spranger (SPD) was voted "Deportation Minister 2024". (...) Spranger was honoured with the negative award because Berlin deported significantly more people last year than in previous years. Among other things, Roma* are regularly deported to Moldova, although they are subject to massive

discrimination there. Spranger is also in favour of deportations to Afghanistan and Syria...."

FULL REPORT HERE:

[HTTP://JOGSPACE.NET/2024/06/21/INNENMINISTERINNEN-KONFERENZ-IRIS-SPRANGER-ZUR-ABSCHIEBEMINISTERIN-2024-GEWAHLT/](http://jogspace.net/2024/06/21/innenministerinnen-konferenz-iris-spranger-zur-abschiebeministerin-2024-gewaHLT/)

REFUGEES IN LIBYA IN ROME



Credit: ARiL

From Tripoli to Rome - Imagine and Build new Safe Passages

With the presence of 7 out of 14 Human Rights Defenders evacuated from Libya to Italy on the 7th of May, Refugees in Libya managed to reunite the most relevant actors involved in the evacuation mechanisms created by the Sant'Egidio Community as well as institutions able to imagine and build new safe passages, and, last but not least, activists from all over

Europe that through the Alliance with Refugees in Libya amplify the voices of refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers.

FIND THE FULL REPORT OF THE EVENT AT THE WEBSITE OF REFUGEES IN LIBYA:

[HTTPS://WWW.REFUGEESINLIBYA.ORG/POST/FROM-TRIPOLI-TO-ROME](https://www.refugeesinlibya.org/post/from-tripoli-to-rome)

OUTLOOK



TRANSBORDER SUMMER CAMP III STARTS PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMER 2025!

The first online meetings have already taken place and there will also be a first physical, transnational meeting at the end of August 2024: preparations are underway for Transborder Summer Camp III, which will once again take place in Brittany, France, in summer 2025. As in the first two camps in 2019 and 2022, the building and extension of infrastructures for freedom of movement will certainly remain a focus of Camp III, and further working groups will be formed in the coming weeks.

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