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## 31/07 Boat with 40 people near Lesbos attacked, immobilised and pushed back to Turkey



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### Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigations – 31st of July 2020

Case name: 2020\_07\_31-AEG693

**Situation:** Boat with 40 people near Lesbos attacked, immobilised and pushed back to Turkey

**Status of WTM Investigation:** Concluded

**Place of Incident:** Aegean Sea

#### Summary of the Case:

In the evening of 31 July 2020, we received a call from a boat carrying 25 women, 10 men and five children. The boat had come close to Lesbos when it got into trouble. As they reported the Greek coastguard arrived on scene and destroyed their engine. They were pushed back into Turkish waters. The boat was damaged and taking on water. Unable to move forward, they asked us to phone the Turkish coastguard. We did that and the Turkish authorities arrived on scene and carried out a rescue at around 22:30 CEST. The travellers were returned to Turkey.

We are still investigating the detailed developments and will include potential updates into this report.

Last update: 19:26 Dec 05, 2020

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