



## 10/08: 40 travellers reportedly pushed back by Greek coastguard

In Distress Push-Back VERIFIED

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### Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigations – 10th August 2020

Case name: 2020\_08\_10-AEG697

**Situation:** A boat carrying 40 travelers was reportedly pushed back into Turkey by the Greek coastguard.

**Status of WTM Investigation:** Concluded

**Place of Incident:** Aegean Sea

**Summary of the Case:** At 13:40h CEST of Monday the 10th of August the Alarm Phone was alerted by a relative of one of the travelers to a boat that had reportedly been pushed back into Turkish waters by the Greek coastguard. The relative told us that the approximately 40 travellers were in distress as the boat had a hole and neither the Turkish nor the Greek coastguard was helping them. Our shift team tried to establish direct contact with the travellers several times, however their phone was unavailable. At 14:20h we spoke to another relative of the travelers who informed us that the boat had been pushed back into Turkey and the travelers handed over to the Turkish police.

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

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