





20/07: Two people missing after pushback of 17 travellers

In Distress
Missing
Push-Back
Stranded
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Case name: 2022_07_20-EasternMed-936

Situation: 17 travellers pushed back after arriving to Rhodes Island. Two travellers remain missing after they attempted to swim for help, the rest of the travellers were intercepted to Turkey.

Status of WTM Investigation: Concluded

Place of Incident: Aegean Sea

Summary of the Case: On Wednesday the 20th of July 2022, the Alarm Phone shift team was alerted by a relative to a group of 17 travellers in distress in the Aegean Sea between Turkey and Rhodes. According to the relative, the travellers had arrived to Rhodes on the 12th but had been put on a raft by the Greek coastguard and returned to sea, where they had been abandoned for two days. On the third day, two of the travellers had attempted to swim to get help for the rest and had not returned. On the 15th of July a merchant vessel came by and alerted the Greek coastguard. The Greek coastguard had then pulled them further away from Rhodes into Turkish waters. The relative informed us that the travellers on the raft had then been intercepted by the Turkish coastguard but that the two people who went swimming remained missing. We informed both the Turkish and the Greek coastguard about the two missing people, requesting that they investigate the situation. We were not able to find out what happened to the two missing people, and we fear the worst.

Related Reports

00:37 Jun 24, 2021 / Aegean Sea Kms

24/06: 13 people pushed back from Greece to Turkey.

05:13 Jul 30, 2021 / Aegean Sea Kms

20/07: 1 boat with 12 people rescued by Turkish Coastguards

20:27 Aug 17, 2021 / Aegean Sea Kms

16/08: 14 people in distress rescued by Turkish Coastguard

16:09 Oct 15, 2021 / Aegean Sea Kms

14/10: Boat with 14 people from Marmaris, Turkey arrived on Rhodes

20:25 Mar 31, 2022 / Eastern Med Kms

30/03: Around 20 travellers rescued by Hellenic Coast Guard

