



## 22/06: 110 travellers pushed back to Turkey

In Distress Push-Back

VERIFIED

23.06.2022 / 11:18 / Eastern Med

Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigations – 22nd of June 2022

Case name: 2022\_06\_22-EasternMed922

Situation: 110 travellers on a boat travelling towards Italy, detected in Greek waters and pushed back to Turkey

Status of WTM Investigation: Concluded

Place of Incident: Eastern Med

Summary of the Case:

On 22nd June 2022 at 19:49h CEST the Alarm Phone was alerted by relatives to about 100 travellers who were on a sailing boat, drifting between the islands of Atsipalaia and Amorgos, urgently asking for help. The engine stopped working and the driver left the group. We tried to get in touch with the travellers, but were not able to establish a connection.

At 20:22h CEST we alerted the Hellenic Coast Guard by email and also by phone call at 20:37h CEST. At 22:27h CEST we called JRCC Piraeus again. The officer on the phone confirmed to have received our e-mails, and said they are still investigating, but that work is in progress and they are looking for them.

At 22:27h CEST we received an updated location and again informed Greek authorities about it.

At 00:36h CEST in another phone call to JRCC Piraeus, they confirmed again that they have received our mail, and that they are investigating.

At 9:20h CEST of the next morning, JRCC Piraeus stated that they undertook a search and rescue mission in this area, but with negative results. They informed us that they won't do anything anymore.

We still could not establish contact with the travellers, but relatives told us that they think the boat was pushed back to Turkey. After that, we reached out to the Turkish Coast Guard at 15:45h CEST who said they were already informed about this boat and launched a search operation.

At 16:14h CEST we also called again JRCC Piraeus. They repeated again that they led a search operation but didn't find the people in distress and that this operation is over and that they "are done with this case".

Shortly afterwards relatives of the travellers reached out to us and informed us that the people are back in Turkey.

The Turkish Coast Guard published on their website about the case: The travellers were found the next morning at 8:20 CEST drifting in four life-rafts off the coast of MUĞLA/Datça. The Turkish Coast Guard found 104 people (47 from Palestine, 46 from Egypt, 11 from Syria, 3 Turkish citizens) on these rafts.

Some days later we finally managed to get in touch with one of the travellers who reported the following:

We were 110 people, among us 10 women and 5 children, refugees from from Palestine, Egypt and Syria, on the way from Turkey to Italy. In Greek waters we have been calling for help. Afterwards, we have been maltreated in a brutal and inhuman way. Our mobile phones and money got stolen. Two people were beaten up really badly. When it was dark we were forced onto life rafts back in Turkish waters. In Turkey we were

### Related Reports

11:09 May 08, 2022 / Eastern Med Kms

[07/05: 106 travellers stranded on Kos](#)

21:43 Jul 18, 2021 / Aegean Sea Kms

[17/07: 9 people pushed back to Turkey after arriving on a Greek island](#)

20:35 Aug 19, 2021 / Aegean Sea Kms

[18/08: 1 boat pushed back from Greece to Turkey](#)

11:19 Sep 19, 2021 / Aegean Sea Kms

[18/09: 1 boat probably pushed back to Turkey after being adrift for at least seven hours](#)

15:44 Oct 02, 2021 / Aegean Sea Kms

[01/10: Three people beaten after they landed on Kos](#)



his family, he was forced onto the ship when a Turkish patrol in Turkey he was detained for one day and then freed.

The people did not want to speak more about the situation, because it made them feel too bad.

[https://twitter.com/alarm\\_phone/status/1539948806141345794](https://twitter.com/alarm_phone/status/1539948806141345794)

[Home](#) | [Impressum](#) | [Contact Us](#)