



Distress call from the Aegean Sea, vessel arrived safely

In Distress

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30.05.2015 / 12:51 / Aegean Sea, near Lesvos

Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigation – 29th of May 2015

Case name: 2015_05_29-AEG11

Situation: Vessel in distress in the Aegean Sea, arrived safely

Status of WTM Investigation: Concluded

Place of Incident: Lesvos/Greece

Summary of the Case: At around 4am on Friday the 29th of May, the Alarm Phone shift team received a phone call from someone in Germany who very anxiously reported that his mother was on a vessel and in distress. He was in contact with her and knew that she had left Turkey as a part of a group an hour and a half earlier, trying to reach the Greek island of Lesvos. He then lost contact to her and was unable to receive further information.

Our shift team immediately turned to the Greek rescue agency in Mytilene/Lesvos and alerted them to the vessel in distress. At around 5am our contact person in Germany called us again. Fortunately, his mother had safely arrived on land. These good news were also passed on to the Greek rescue agency.

This is merely one of thousands of arrivals on Greek islands in the past few days and weeks. The day before we received the distress call, about 750 refugees arrived on the island of Lesvos alone and the day after approximately 555 refugees arrived. The situation on Lesvos is catastrophic with needed support and resources for the newly arrived desperately lacking. Together with solidarity groups on the island we call on the EU and its member states to show solidarity with the people on the move and with Greece by granting the newly arrived refugees easy access to their territories.

See also our previous report: <http://watchthemed.net/reports/view/132>

Related Reports

16:26 Mar 08, 2015 / Mytilene Strait, Lesvos, Greece Kms

Approximately 40 people in distress near Mytilene/Lesvos, all rescued

17:45 May 07, 2018 / Aegean Sea Kms

06/05: 55 people in distress in the Aegean, landed on Lesvos/Greece

16:34 Sep 30, 2017 / Aegean Sea Kms

29/09: Alarm Phone in contact with 43 travellers who reached the Greek island of Lesvos independently

15:48 Feb 22, 2018 / Aegean Sea Kms

21/02: 48 travellers rescued to Lesvos

21:05 Jul 25, 2019 / Aegean Sea Kms

24/07: 25 people in distress near Mytilene, rescued by Greek Coastguard

