



75 people in distress near Lesvos Island, Greece, all rescued



In Distress

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20.08.2015 / 11:15 / Lesvos Island, Greece

Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigations - 19th of August 2015

Case name: 2015_08_19-AEG47

Situation: Group of 75 travellers in distress, all rescued

Status of WTM Investigations: Concluded

Place of Incidents: Aegean Sea

Summary of the case: On Wednesday the 19th of August 2015, at around 12:25pm, the Alarm Phone was contacted by someone who passed on a phone number and GPS coordinates of a vessel in distress near the island of Lesvos, Greece. Information on the exact situation were limited and, at first, the group of travellers could not be reached. The Greek coastguard noted down the information we provided and told us that they would look into the situation.

At approximately 2.30pm, they called us back and said that they had been able to reach the travellers but needed someone who spoke Arabic to communicate with them. One of our Arabic speaking members then tried to get hold of them but was unable to reach them. At about 3.12pm we learned from our initial contact person that the group was safe and shortly afterwards we were able to speak to them directly. They were 75 people on board, including 13 children and 8 women. Water had started to enter their vessel but now they had been rescued and were in Greece. Shortly afterwards we passed this information on to the Greek coastguards.

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