

# Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 3,829 Deaths at Sea:

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**Posted:** 01/27/17 **Region-Country:** Europe and Central Asia / Switzerland  
**Switzerland** - IOM reports that 3,829 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2017, through 25 January, well over two thirds arriving in Italy and the rest in Greece. This compares with 48,029 through the first 25 days of January, 2016.

IOM's Missing Migrants Project reports 246 estimated deaths at sea on various routes, compared with 210 through the first 25 days of 2016. This 2017 fatalities figure represents almost a reverse of the pattern of casualties from a year ago, when just 20 deaths occurred on the Central Mediterranean Sea route connecting North Africa to Italy and only five deaths occurring off Spain.

In 2016 at this time, 185 deaths were reported on the Eastern route between Turkey and Greece. So far this year the Central Mediterranean route, with 221 deaths, and Spain, with 25, account for almost all the fatalities of migrants or refugees at sea, with just one reported death off Greece, recorded earlier this week.

Among the casualties reported by IOM's Missing Migrants Projects this week are 16 new deaths confirmed by IOM Libya since January 21. Christine Petré, an IOM press officer for Libya, reported Thursday that on Tuesday, 24 January, 135 migrants were rescued off Tripoli and on that same day 10 bodies were retrieved (8 men, 1 woman and one child) nearby. She said the previous Saturday, 21 January, five bodies were retrieved off Subratah and another off Tripoli.

For the month so far, IOM Libya reports the total number of migrants rescued at sea by Libyan authorities or commercial fishermen is 319. The total for bodies recovered in January is 42.

TOTAL ARRIVALS BY SEA AND DEATHS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN 2016-2017				
	1 JANUARY – 25 JANUARY 2017		1 JANUARY – 25 JANUARY 2016	
Country of Arrival	Arrivals	Deaths	Arrivals	Deaths
Italy	2,788	221 (Central Med. route)	2,668	20 (Central Med. route)
Greece	1,041	1 (Eastern Med. route)	45,361	185 (Eastern Med. route)
Cyprus	n.a.		na	
Spain	n.a.	25 (Western Med. route)	na	5 (Western Med. route)
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>3,829</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>48,029</b>	<b>210</b>
Data on deaths of migrants compiled by IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre All numbers are minimum estimates. Arrivals based on data from respective governments and IOM field offices.				

IOM's Missing Migrant Project notes worldwide deaths through 25 January are 314 men, women and children – a figure that is approximately 25 percent lower than the 403 deaths recorded by the same date in 2016.

Missing Migrants researcher Kate Dearden points out that much of that data shortfall is based on absence of reports from three deadly migration routes – the Horn of Africa to Arabian Peninsula, the North African routes across the Sahara, and Eastern African routes drawing migrants towards South Africa. For regions where data has been collected through the first three weeks of the year, fatality statistics are either ahead of last year's levels, or virtually identical.

Moreover, reports this week of the bodies of 14 Haitian migrants discovered off the Turks and Caicos archipelago in the Caribbean Sea may have understated the tragedy. It is now believed that a craft carrying 69 migrants from Haiti foundered with very few survivors. If true there may be dozens of deaths still unaccounted for, which would make January one the deadliest months for migrants plying Caribbean Sea lanes in several years.

## **WORLDWIDE MIGRANT FATALITIES, BY REGION (2016-2017)**

<b>REGION</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Mediterranean	246	210
Europe	6	6
Middle East	2	20
North Africa	0	32
Horn of Africa	0	58
Sub-Saharan Africa	0	20
Southeast Asia	36	35
US/Mexico	11	14

Central America	1	7
Caribbean	14	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>403</b>

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[http://migration.iom.int/docs/MMP/170127\\_Mediterranean\\_Update.pdf](http://migration.iom.int/docs/MMP/170127_Mediterranean_Update.pdf)

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