

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 95,768 in 2017; 2,169

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Posted: 06/30/17**Switzerland** - The UN Migration Agency (IOM) reports that 95,768 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2017 through 29 June, with almost 85 per cent arriving in Italy and the remainder divided between Greece, Cyprus and Spain. This compares with 230,230 arrivals across the region through 30 June 2016.

TOTAL ARRIVALS BY SEA AND DEATHS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN 2016-2017				
	1 JANUARY – 29 JUNE 2017		1 JANUARY – 30 JUNE 2016	
Country of Arrival	Arrivals	Deaths	Arrivals	Deaths
Italy	83,135 (IOM estimate)	2,072 (Central Med. route)	70,222	2,484 (Central Med. route)
Greece	9,046 (as of 28/06)	37 (Eastern Med. route)	158,311	376 (Eastern Med. route)
Cyprus	273 (as of 11/04)		345	
Spain	3,314 (as of 30/04)	60 (Western Med. route)	1,352 (as of 30/04)	86 (Western Med. route)
Estimated Total	95,768	2,169	230,230	2,946
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 Rome spokesperson Flavio Di Giacomo reported Thursday (29 June) that 11,639 migrants and refugees were rescued at sea between Saturday and Wednesday (24-28 June). He also reported that while total arrivals to Italy for this year along the Central Mediterranean route are running about 18 per cent ahead of last year's totals, arrivals for the month of June are virtually identical to similar periods in 2016 and 2015. Di Giacomo said 22,907 arrivals between the dates of 1–29 June 2017 compare with 22,371 for all of June last year and 22,877 for June of 2015. So far in 2017, May has been the busiest month, with 22,993 arrivals recorded by Italian authorities (see chart below).

January - December 2017/2016/2015			
	2017	2016	2015
January	4,468	5,273	3,528
February	8,971	3,828	4,354
March	10,853	9,676	2,283
April	12,943	9,149	16,056
May	22,993	19,925	21,231
June	22,907 (IOM estimate as of 29 June)	22,371	22,877
July		23,552	23,210
August		21,294	22,610
September		16,975	15,922
October		27,384	8,916
November		13,962	3,219
December		8,047	9,636

Arrivals by Sea in Italy January–June 2017/2016/2015

(source: Italian Ministry of Interior)

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Kelly Namia of IOM Athens reports that through 22 to 28 June a total of 783 migrants and refugees landed on the Greek islands. About a third of that total arrived in Lesbos – which saw 257 arrivals recorded over four separate days – followed by Karpathos with 119, all of whom were recorded on 24 June.

IOM Libya's Christine Petré reported Thursday that on Wednesday, 28 June, 144 migrants were rescued off Azzawya. On the same day, the remains of 29 migrants (27 men and two women) were discovered in Tajura, east of the Libyan capital Tripoli. She said one day earlier on 27 June, 97 migrants were rescued off Zuwara, for whom IOM provided health services and food. On the same day, another rescue operation was conducted off Azzawya, during which 138 migrants were rescued at sea. She said on 29 June, the remains of one migrant were recovered off the western coastal city of Azzawya.

IOM Libya's latest figures indicate that, so far in 2017, 10,663 migrants have been rescued in Libyan waters while remains of 336 women, men and children have been found along the coast.

Worldwide, the IOM Missing Migrants Project (MMP) reports that there have been 2,967 fatalities through 28 June (see chart below) with the Mediterranean region accounting for the largest proportion of deaths – over 70 per cent of the global total. These latest totals include the remains of six men, women and children (at least one infant) recovered in the Central Mediterranean during this past week, as well as 52 bodies retrieved off the coast of Libya since 21 June (29 recovered Thursday by the Libyan Red Crescent). Additionally, MMP has recorded four bodies found on the US side of the US-Mexico border (three in Brooks County and one in Hidalgo County, Texas), and two separate drownings in the Rio Bravo (a woman and a child, in Ojinaga, Chihuahua). At least 51 migrants were feared dead in the Sahara desert near Seguedine, Niger, an incident that did include one confirmed fatality – a rescued migrant who was found badly dehydrated, and died later.

Global Migrant Deaths (Jan 1 - June 28)		
Source: Missing Migrants Project		
Region	2017	2016
Mediterranean	2,169	2,936
Europe	32	23
Middle East	12	86
North Africa	224	863
Horn of Africa	103	103
Sub-Saharan Africa	136	56
Southeast Asia	45	41
South Asia	1	0
East Asia	1	0
North America	1	0
US/Mexico	123	132
Central America	30	55
Caribbean	90	40
South America	0	16
Total	2,967	4,351

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