



06/05: 23 travellers on Lesbos Island, pushed-back on life-rafts by Greek authorities

In Distress
Push-Back
Stranded

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Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigations – 6th of May 2022

Case name: 2022_05_06-AEG893

Situation: 23 people landed on Lesbos, 18 people were pushed back to Turkey, the rest hid and was brought to camp.

Status of WTM Investigation: Concluded

Place of Incident: Eastern Med

Summary of the Case:

In the late hours of the 6th of May 2022, Alarm Phone was called by a concerned relative, alerting us to a group of 23 people including 13 children and minors, in distress who were on Lesbos island. They said that group was very afraid of being pushed back, and sent us a list of their names and ages. We didn't manage to establish contact with the travellers, however at 03:45 they called us explaining that they had been pushed-back to the sea by Greek authorities and were left adrift on life rafts. We alerted the authorities, and the Turkish Coastguard confirmed that they rescued 18 travellers at 05:29, who they said were "pushed-back from Greek side". Later that afternoon we found out that the others people managed to hide and then got taken to a camp on the island and registered there.

We condemn the illegal actions of the Hellenic Coast Guard which is repeatedly creating castaways at sea & endangers people's lives!

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