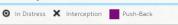






## 31/07 Boat with 40 people near Lesvos attacked, immobilised and pushed back to Turkey



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## Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigations – 31st of July 2020

Case name: 2020\_07\_31-AEG693

Situation: Boat with 40 people near Lesvos attacked, immobilised and pushed back to Turkey

Status of WTM Investigation: Concluded

Place of Incident: Aegean Sea

Summary of the Case:

In the evening of 31 July 2020, we received a call from a boat carrying 25 women, 10  $\,$ men and five children. The boat had come close to Lesvos when it got into trouble. As they reported the Greek coastguard arrived on scene and destroyed their engine. They were pushed back into Turkish waters. The boat was damaged and taking on water. Unable to move forward, they asked us to phone the Turkish coastguard. We did that and the Turkish authorities arrived on scene and carried out a rescue at around 22:30CEST. The travellers were returned to Turkey.

We are still investigating the detailed developments and will include potential updates into this report.

Last update: 19:26 Dec 05, 2020

## Related Reports

12:56 Jul 05, 2020 / Aegean Sea Kms 04/07: One boat picked up by Turkish coastguard and one boat pushed back by Greek coastguard

11:15 Aug 20, 2015 / Lesvos Island, Greece Kms 75 people in distress near Lesvos Island, Greece, all rescued

17:30 Jun 20, 2020 / Aegean Sea Kms 10/06 Over a hundred people attacked near Lesvos and pushed back to Turkey. Another group of travellers stranded south of Lesvos

23:32 Feb 08, 2021 / Aegean Sea Kms 07/02: 16 people stranded on Lesvos for two nights then taken into quarantine

14:10 Jul 07, 2020 / Aegean Sea Kms 06/07: 28 travelers in Turkish waters, attacked by coastguard and returned to Turkey

