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17/03: 30 people pushed back from Greece to Turkey

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Case name: 2022_03_17-Eastern Med - 869

Situation: 30 people attacked by the Hellenic Coast Guard and pushed back

Status of WTM Investigation: Concluded

Place of Incident: Eastern Med

Summary of the Case:

On the 17th of March at 13:00 CEST we were informed about a boat with 30 people in distress next to Lesbos. The relative lost contact one hour before, but at that time the boat was floating and water was coming in after the Coast Guard took the engine. At 14:00 CET we finally reached the people from the boat who were back in Turkey. They told us: "We are in Turkey now, safe. We were rescued by the Turkish army. Three Greek soldiers approached us. They took our fuel and left. We spent a lot of time at sea for about 3 hours."

We assume that the 30 people were pushed back.

Last update: 20:16 May 30, 2022

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