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## 28/08/22: Eight people pushed back after arrival on Farmakonisi



In Distress
Missing
Push-Back
Stranded
Fate unknown

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29.08.2022 / 09:56 / Eastern Med

Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigations – 28th of August 2022

Case name: 2022\_08\_28-Eastern Med - 083

Situation: Eight people pushed back after arrival on Farmakonisi

Status of WTM Investigation: Concluded  
Place of Incident: Aegean Sea

### Summary of the Case:

In the very early morning hours of 28th of August the Alarm Phone was alerted by relatives about 8 refugees from Palestine. They were stranded on the Greek island of Farmakonisi. We managed to get in touch with the people directly who reported to us that they were 8 people, among them two minors and a child who had cancer and was in urgent need of medical treatment. They also sent us photos of their passports.

At 4:06 CEST we alerted Greek authorities by email about the case, including a list of names and their wish to apply for asylum.

After 7:07 CEST we lost contact with the people.

In a phone call at 7:09 CEST to JRCC Piraeus they confirm that the people are on land and so the border authorities would take care for them.

In the later morning a lawyer from Refugee Support Aegean (RSA) took over the representation of the people and contacted Leros, which is the responsible authority for Farmakonisi. Leros finally stated towards the lawyer that they were unable to find the people in the position we provided to them.

We could not get in touch again with the group throughout the whole day.

Also the next day Leros port authorities denied that they have found anybody on Farmakonisi. They stated that also the army searched the area and was unable to find the group. At 9:15 CEST at 29 August we called the Turkish Coast Guard because we feared that the group was pushed back. The Turkish Coast Guard confirmed a rescue which might fit to our description of the group. The Turkish Coastguard stated to have rescued a group of 9 Palestinians from a life raft off the Coast of MUĞLA/Datça at 00.25h at 29 August.

We could never re-establish contact with the people and so we don't know how they survived this pushback with the minor with cancer.

Twitter:

[https://twitter.com/alarm\\_phone/status/1563822936229806082](https://twitter.com/alarm_phone/status/1563822936229806082)

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