



## 23/05: 28 travellers pushed back by the Greek coastguard

In Distress Push-Back VERIFIED

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### Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigations – 23th of May 2022

Case name: 2022\_05\_23-EasternMed03

*Situation:* 28 travellers pushed back by the Greek coastguard, intercepted by the Turkish coastguard.

*Status of WTM Investigation:* Concluded

*Place of Incident:* Aegean Sea

*Summary of the Case:* On Monday the 23rd of May 2022, the Alarm Phone shift team was alerted by a relative to a group of 28 travellers, including seven children, in distress north of Samos. The travellers had been pushed back by the Greek coastguard four hours earlier. The relative told us that one of the girls on board had health issues. We were never able to establish direct contact to the travellers as their phone had been stolen by the Greek coastguard, but alerted the Turkish coastguard to the distress situation. They confirmed that they would initiate a search and rescue operation. Later, we learned that the travellers had been rescued by the Turkish coastguard.

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