



30/10: 40 travellers brought back to Turkey

In Distress

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31.10.2017 / 21:00 / Aegean Sea

Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigations – 30th of October 2017

Case name: 2017_10_30-AEG315

Situation: 40 travellers in distress east of Lesbos brought back to Turkey

Status of WTM Investigation: Concluded

Place of Incident: Aegean Sea

Summary of the Case:

On Monday, 30th of October 2017, at 00:14am, we received information about a boat in distress in Turkish territorial waters on its way to Mytilene/Lesbos. According to the contact person, the boat carried 40 travellers and the engine of the boat was not working any more. We couldn't establish contact with the travellers. At 00:32am we informed the Greek Coast Guard about the boat.

The Greek officer refused to operate in the Turkish territorial water and told us he will report the case to the Turkish Coast Guard. At 00:50 we contacted The Hellenic Coast Guard in Mytilene, that said they will send a ship to search for the boat.

We still couldn't establish contact to the boat directly.

At 01:18am we called the Turkish Coast Guard that promised to send a rescue ship. We also sent a distress email to document the alert.

At 02:04am we received an email from the Turkish Main Search and Rescue Center, confirming the rescue of 40 travellers by the Turkish Coast Guard.

Last update: 21:14 Nov 07, 2017

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10:19 Nov 11, 2018 / Aegean Sea Kms
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07:18 Nov 17, 2019 / Aegean Sea Kms
16/11: 2 ppl rescued to Southern Lesbos; attack and attempted push back on boat with 40 ppl to Lesbos

14:45 Sep 10, 2019 / Aegean Sea Kms
09/09: 32 people, including 15 children in distress, rescued to Lesbos

20:43 Jul 19, 2017 / Aegean Sea Kms
18/07: 56 travellers in distress rescued to Lesbos

