



## 15/06: Boat headed to Mytilene, probably intercepted and brought back to Turkey



In Distress Interception

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### Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigations – 15th of June 2017

*Case name:* 2017\_06\_15-AEG287

*Situation:* Boat headed to Mytilene, probably intercepted and brought back to Turkey  
*Status of WTM Investigation:* Concluded

*Place of Incident:* Aegean Sea

*Summary of the Case:* On Thursday the 15th of June 2017 at 7.50am we were informed of a boat in the Aegean Sea that had left Turkey at 5.30am. Our contact person told us that some persons had refused to enter the boat, as it was overcrowded.

From the starting point we figured out that the boat was probably headed to the South of Mytilene. We then called ERCI a search and rescue organisation that is active at the beaches south of Mytilene-airport. They had not heard of any arrivals in the morning. At 9:51am ERCI informed us via WhatsApp that the Turkish Coastguard had intercepted a big rubber boat with 130 persons. We passed on this information to the contact person, who said that we could close the case. Unfortunately, we could not confirm with the travellers, whether the intercepted boat was the boat we had been alerted to.

In the statistics of the Turkish Coastguard we can find for that day two boats that have been brought back to Turkey. One from Foça with 50 persons, one from Çeşme with 76 persons.

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