



10/11: 46 travellers in distress, rescued to Lesbos/Greece

In Distress

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11.11.2018 / 10:19 / Aegean Sea

Watch The Med Alarm Phone Investigations – 10th of November 2018

Case name: 2018_11_10-AEG458

Situation: Distress situation in the Aegean Sea

Status of WTM Investigation: Closed

Place of Incident: Aegean Sea

Summary of the Case: On Saturday the 10th of November 2018, the Alarm Phone was alerted by a contact person at 2.30am to a boat in distress, carrying 46 people. We tried to reach the travellers repeatedly but were unable to get through. At 2.47am we contacted the Greek coastguards and passed on the GPS position of the boat. They told us that they had rescued a boat in the vicinity of the position about 35 minutes earlier. We then agreed to try and verify whether this was the boat in question. We learned via the contact person that most of the travellers were from Africa and when we spoke to the Greek authorities at 3.05am they confirmed that the rescued were mainly from Congo. Afterwards, we were in regular exchange with the authorities and finally we received one day later a message from the travellers who confirmed the rescue to Lesbos.

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