



## smuggling of migrants – global news july 2017

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### AFRICA

#### LIBYA

##### ***Egyptian migrants found dead in east Libyan desert: Red Crescent – 9 July 2017***

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-libya-egypt-migrants-idUSKBN19U0JV>

Libyan aid workers recovered the bodies of 19 migrants believed to be Egyptians in Libya's eastern desert, a Red Crescent spokesman said on Sunday.

##### ***Migrant crisis: Irish navy rescues 109 off Libyan coast – 19 July 2017***

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-40773306>

An Irish navy vessel rescued 109 migrants off Libya's coast on Sunday, following a request from the Italian Maritime Rescue Co-Ordination Centre.

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### AMERICAS

#### CANADA

##### ***B.C. court acquits four men accused of human smuggling in Tamil migrant case – 27 July 2017***

<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/bc-court-acquits-four-men-accused-of-human-smuggling-in-tamil-migrant-case/article35817853/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&>

Nearly eight years after the Ocean Lady migrant ship docked on Vancouver Island carrying 76 Sri Lankans, four men accused of assisting its voyage have been acquitted – the second high-profile defeat for the Crown in a Tamil human-smuggling case this year.

#### MEXICO

##### ***Mexican authorities rescue 147 U.S.-bound migrants abandoned in Veracruz – 30 July 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/world/mexico-americas/la-fg-mexico-migrants-20170730-story.html>

Nearly 150 Central American migrants packed into a tractor trailer and bound for the United States were rescued in the Mexican Gulf state of Veracruz after being abandoned by smugglers, Mexican authorities said Sunday.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

***Journey Fatal for 9 Migrants Found in Truck in a San Antonio Parking Lot – 23 July 2017***

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/23/us/san-antonio-truck-walmart-trafficking.html>

The authorities here discovered eight bodies in a tractor-trailer in a Walmart parking lot early Sunday morning in what they said was a human trafficking crime that underscored the perils facing migrants trying to enter the United States by any means available.

***Death toll rises to nine in suspected Texas human smuggling case – 23 July 2017***

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-texas-bodies-idUSKBN1A80F5>

At least eight men were found dead on Sunday alongside dozens of people discovered inside a sweltering tractor trailer parked at a Walmart store in San Antonio, Texas, in what authorities called a case of "ruthless" human trafficking.

***Death toll reaches nine in suspected human trafficking case in Texas – 23 July 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-tns-bc-texas-humantrafficking-deaths-1st-lede-20170723-story.html>

Federal prosecutors vowed to identify and bring to justice the suspected human traffickers responsible for the deaths of at least nine people found Sunday in an overheated trailer in Texas.

***'Ruthless human smugglers' blamed for deaths of 9 people left in a truck in 100-degree Texas heat – 23 July 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/nationnow/la-na-texas-trailer-20170723-story.html>

In an incident the local police chief described as a "horrific" human trafficking tragedy, 39 people were found in and around the trailer in a parking lot off Interstate 35 in San Antonio, about 150 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border.

***Human trafficking and smuggling rife San Antonio -- and beyond – 23 July 2017***

<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/07/23/us/human-trafficking-texas-us/index.html>

When 38 people were found dead or severely injured in the back of a stifling semi-truck, much of the country was appalled.

***'Human-trafficking' tragedy: nine die in sweltering Texas truck – 23 July 2017***

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/jul/23/people-found-dead-trailer-san-antonio-walmart-human-trafficking>

At least nine people died after being crammed into a sweltering tractor-trailer found parked outside a Walmart in the midsummer Texas heat, authorities said on Sunday as they described an immigrant-smuggling attempt gone wrong.

***9 die in immigrant-smuggling attempt in sweltering truck – 24 July 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-us--tractor-trailer-trafficking-deaths-20170723-story.html>

At least nine people died after being crammed into a sweltering tractor-trailer found parked outside a Walmart in the midsummer Texas heat, victims of what authorities said on Sunday was an immigrant-smuggling attempt gone wrong.

### ***Immigrants wept, pleaded for water and pounded on the truck – 24 July 2017***

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suspect-due-court-monday-die-sweltering-truck-48809722>

The details of the journey were recounted Monday by a survivor who spoke to The Associated Press and in a federal criminal complaint against the driver, James Matthew Bradley, who could face the death penalty over the 10 lives lost.

### ***How Smugglers Use Trucks With Sometimes Deadly Results – 24 July 2017***

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_TRACTOR\\_TRAILER\\_TRAFFICKING\\_DEATHS\\_QA\\_TXOL-?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_TRACTOR_TRAILER_TRAFFICKING_DEATHS_QA_TXOL-?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT)

It could take months for investigators to determine what preceded the deaths of at least nine people found with dozens of ailing individuals in a tractor-trailer discovered outside a Walmart in San Antonio, Texas, in what authorities are calling an immigrant-smuggling attempt gone wrong.

### ***Trucker in Texas denies knowing immigrants were in stifling tractor trailer – 24 July 2017***

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-texas-bodies-idUSKBN1A90RU>

The truck driver accused of smuggling at least 100 illegal immigrants inside a sweltering tractor-trailer, 10 of whom died, has said he was unaware of the human cargo he was hauling until he took a rest stop in Texas, court papers showed on Monday.

### ***Migrants trapped in sweltering truck in Texas were 'lying on the floor like meat,' driver says – 24 July 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-texas-migrant-deaths-20170724-story.html>

James Matthew Bradley Jr., 60, of Clearwater, Fla., could face the death penalty for his role in the deaths of 10 migrants who perished after they were crammed into the hot tractor-trailer.

### ***In San Antonio Smuggling Case, a Fatal Journey in a Packed and Sweltering Truck – 24 July 2017***

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/24/us/san-antonio-truck-trafficking.html>

Ten people died during the journey or later at hospitals. Nearly 30 others were hospitalized.

### ***9 people dead after sweltering tractor-trailer found at San Antonio Walmart – 24 July 2017***

<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/07/23/us/san-antonio-bodies-found-in-trailer/index.html>

At least nine people are dead after a phone call from a Walmart employee led to the discovery of dozens of undocumented immigrants severely injured in the back of a tractor-trailer in Texas early Sunday, according to federal authorities.

### ***Smugglers Offer Crammed Big Rigs as 'VIP Treatment' to US – 25 July 2017***

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_TRACTOR\\_TRAILER\\_TRAFFICKING\\_THE\\_BUSINESS\\_TXOL-?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_TRACTOR_TRAILER_TRAFFICKING_THE_BUSINESS_TXOL-?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT)

Big rigs emerged as a popular smuggling method in the early 1990s amid a surge in U.S. border enforcement in San Diego and El Paso, Texas, which were then the busiest corridors for illegal crossings.

### ***San Antonio driver says he didn't know immigrants were in truck – 25 July 2017***

<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/07/24/us/san-antonio-trailer-migrants/index.html>

Crowded inside of the boiling tractor-trailer, they took turns taking breaths from a hole in the semi. Some fainted. Others banged on the wall to get the driver's attention but he kept going, one man who survived the journey told federal authorities.

### ***Investigator: Driver part of larger human-smuggling scheme – 26 July 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/ct-san-antonio-human-trafficking-20170726-story.html>

Investigators believe a truck driver accused in the deaths of 10 people found inside a packed, sweltering tractor-trailer is just one member of a larger organization involved in human smuggling that they are looking to identify and dismantle, a U.S. immigration official said Tuesday.

### ***Survivors of Texas truck where 10 immigrants died seek to trade testimony for visas – 26 July 2017***

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-texas-bodies-immigrants-idUSKBN1AA2SX>

Some of the illegal immigrants who survived a deadly human-smuggling journey into Texas are seeking visas to stay in the United States in exchange for testimony against those responsible for an operation that killed 10 people on a sweltering truck, a lawyer said on Tuesday.

### ***Poverty, jobs and debt drive migrants to suffocating Texas truck – 26 July 2017***

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-texas-bodies-families-idUSKBN1AA2T3>

Delmin Lopez Colomo landed in a San Antonio hospital on Sunday along with 28 other migrants who slipped across the U.S. border and climbed into the back of a truck for a suffocating ride that killed 10 people.

### ***Texas migrant deaths: Chronicle of an ill-fated journey – 26 July 2017***

<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/07/26/us/texas-migrant-trailer-deaths-timeline/index.html>

Lopez and dozens of other undocumented immigrants were discovered inside a broiling tractor trailer parked outside a Walmart in San Antonio. Eight people in the truck were dead. Two more died later. Dozens were severely injured, with many expected to suffer irreversible brain damage, according to a fire official.

### ***'People Took Turns Breathing.' Survivor Describes Conditions in Truck Where Migrants Died – 26 July 2017***

<http://time.com/4873149/migrants-dead-truck-san-antonio-texas/?iid=sr-link8>

The tractor-trailer was pitch-black inside, crammed with maybe 90 immigrants or more, and already hot when it left the Texas border town of Laredo for the 150-mile trip north to San Antonio.

### ***Mexico says seven of its citizens died in sweltering San Antonio truck – 27 July 2017***

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-texas-bodies-mexico-idUSKBN1AB26A>

Mexico's foreign ministry on Wednesday raised the number of its citizens who died or were hospitalized after enduring sweltering conditions in the back of a truck in San Antonio, Texas, saying seven Mexicans died and 27 remain in hospital.

### ***Prosecutors plan video depositions in Texas truck death case – 27 July 2017***

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-texas-bodies-idUSKBN1AB2WZ>

U.S. prosecutors are planning video depositions of witnesses ahead of the trial of a man charged with driving a truck packed with illegal immigrants in sweltering Texas heat, court documents showed on Wednesday. Ten people died.

### ***Troubled Trucking Firm Faces Scrutiny After Texas Deaths – 27 July 2017***

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_TRACTOR\\_TRAILER\\_TRAFFICKING\\_DEATHS\\_COMPANY?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_TRACTOR_TRAILER_TRAFFICKING_DEATHS_COMPANY?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT)

The trucking company linked to the recent deadly human smuggling case in Texas had promoted itself as an American success: a family firm whose hard-working drivers helped keep the U.S. economy running.

### ***5th person dies trying to cross Rio Grande into Texas – 28 July 2017***

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jul/28/5th-person-dies-trying-to-cross-rio-grande-into-te/>

Even as the deaths of 10 immigrants found in the back of a sweltering tractor-trailer in Texas have captured international attention, the deaths of five others who drowned this week while trying to get into the U.S. by swimming across the Rio Grande have largely gone unnoticed.

### ***By the numbers: Migrant deaths and human trafficking in the US – 28 July 2017***

<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/07/28/us/migrant-deaths-and-human-trafficking-by-the-numbers/index.html>

Every year, hundreds of undocumented immigrants perish trying to make the journey. And virtually all of those deaths occur while being smuggled, Customs and Border Protection spokesman Mike Friel said.

### ***Big Rigs, a Human Smuggling Mainstay, Often Become Rolling Traps – 30 July 2017***

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/30/us/truck-human-smuggling-immigrants.html>

In one truck, the migrants crouched in the dark in a three-foot crevice between the trailer's ceiling and the top of medical-supply boxes. In another, smugglers crammed 73 men, women and children into a trailer filled with rotting watermelons, to try to disguise their scent for Border Patrol dogs.

### ***Chinese man is found locked in secret compartment of car impounded in San Diego – 31 July 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-san-diego-chinese-national-found-20170731-story.html>

A Chinese man in the country illegally was found inside a locked compartment of an impounded car early Saturday following a traffic stop in San Diego, police said.

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## ASIA-PACIFIC

### MYANMAR

#### ***'Lives worse than animals': how Thailand's smuggling crackdown has left many of Myanmar's Rohingya in limbo – 19 July 2017***

<http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/2103331/lives-worse-animals-how-thailands-smuggling-crackdown-has>

Five years have passed since Hla Hla Sein was forced into a displacement camp in western Myanmar for Rohingya Muslims, where disease and deprivation are rife and armed guards patrol a barbed-wire perimeter.

### THAILAND

#### ***Thailand backtracks on labour law after thousands of migrant workers flee, fearing arrest – 1 July 2017***

<http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/2100855/thailand-backtracks-labour-law-after-thousands-migrant>

Thailand's military government said it will delay enforcing new labour regulations after thousands of migrant workers fled home to neighbouring countries this week fearing arrest and heavy fines under the new decree.

#### ***Dozens Found Guilty in Thailand in Human-Trafficking Case – 19 July 2017***

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/19/world/asia/thailand-human-trafficking-case.html>

A court in Thailand convicted dozens on Wednesday of organizing a human-trafficking ring that enslaved hundreds of people. Many victims were found buried in a mass grave near a secret jungle camp in which they had been imprisoned, tortured and held for ransom.

#### ***Thailand general jailed for human trafficking at mass trial– 19 July 2017***

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-40652012>

A former Thai general has been sentenced to 27 years in jail for human trafficking at a landmark trial.

#### ***Thai court convicts dozens in large human-trafficking trial – 19 July 2017***

<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/07/19/asia/thai-human-trafficking-trial/index.html>

A Thai court on Wednesday found dozens of people guilty in the country's largest human-trafficking trial, including a high-ranking officer, Lt. Gen. Manas Kongpan.

#### ***Thai general, provincial politicians found guilty in trafficking trial – 19 July 2017***

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-thailand-trafficking-idUSKBN1A405O>

An army general, two provincial politicians and police officers were among 62 people out of a total of 103 defendants found guilty on Wednesday by a judge in Thailand's biggest human trafficking trial.

#### ***Thailand convicts traffickers after 2015 mass graves discovery – 19 July 2017***

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/19/thailand-convicts-dozens-of-traffickers-after-mass-graves-discovery>

A Thai judge has found dozens of people guilty, including senior army general, in the country's largest ever human trafficking trial following the discovery two years ago of mass graves in a squalid jungle camp where hundreds of migrants had been brutally exploited.

**Justice served: Thai army general is convicted of human-trafficking, eight years after SCMP exposed him – 19 July 2017**

<http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/2103246/justice-served-thai-court-hands-down-guilty-verdicts-human>

A Thai army general was one of the most prominent figures found guilty on Wednesday in a major human-trafficking trial that included more than 103 defendants accused of involvement in a modern-day slavery trade.

**Army general among Thais convicted of human trafficking – 20 July 2017**

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-as--thailand-human-trafficking-20170719-story.html>

A Thai army general was one of dozens of people convicted in a major human trafficking trial that included 103 defendants accused of involvement in a modern-day slavery trade.

**Guilty verdicts for Rohingya trafficking deaths – 20 July 2017**

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/07/thai-court-deliver-verdict-people-smuggling-case-170719024750630.html>

An army general in Thailand was one of the most prominent figures found guilty in a major human trafficking trial that included more than 103 defendants accused of involvement in a modern-day slavery trade.

**Thailand should leave 'no stone unturned' after 62 found guilty of trafficking – 20 July 2017**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-thailand-trafficking-idUSKBN1A50G9>

More needs to be done to ensure that human traffickers are brought to justice and Rohingya migrants are protected, rights groups said on Thursday, after a trial in which 62 people were convicted of crimes including trafficking and murder.

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## EUROPE

### GENERAL

**Sea rescue groups slam EU plan for new code of conduct to tackle refugee crisis – 5 July 2017**

<http://www.scmp.com/news/world/europe/article/2101414/sea-rescue-groups-slam-eu-plan-new-code-conduct-tackle-refugee>

Privately-run aid organisations rescuing migrants off Libya have slammed the idea of creating a “code of conduct” for them to follow, saying European ministers tackling the crisis are bungling their response.

**Rights group warns of bind for migrants as EU looks to Libya – 6 July 2017**

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--europe-migrants-20170705-story.html>

Europe has made a dangerous turn on the Mediterranean Sea as it looks to Libya for help in slowing the number of migrants attempting to reach the continent in flimsy boats, Amnesty International said in a report released Thursday. The organization called the European Union's strategy of training the Libyan coast guard to rescue migrants "reckless."

### ***EU leaders reaffirm Libya migrant policy despite criticism – 6 July 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--europe-migrants-20170706-story.html>

European Union officials on Thursday reaffirmed the need to tackle Europe's migrant crisis in Libya and surrounding countries, amid continued resistance in Europe to welcome refugees.

### ***Europe migrant crisis: EU blamed for 'soaring' death toll – 6 July 2017***

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-40515054>

Amnesty International has blamed "failing EU policies" for the soaring death toll among refugees and migrants in the central Mediterranean.

### ***EU-UK naval mission on people-smuggling led to more deaths, report says – 11 July 2017***

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/11/eu-naval-tactics-operation-sophia-stop-people-smuggling-cause-more-deaths-report-says>

The tactics used by the European Union's naval mission – in which Britain plays a leading role – to tackle people-smuggling in the Mediterranean have resulted in more deaths at sea of refugees and migrants, a cross-party House of Lords inquiry has concluded.

### ***EU naval force 'Sophia' fails to stop migrant smuggling: report – 12 July 2017***

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-sophia-idUSKBN19X09Y>

The European Union's Mediterranean naval force has failed to stop migrants from making the perilous sea journey to Europe and should not continue operating in its current form, British lawmakers said on Wednesday.

### ***Report: EU mission tackling migrant smuggling 'has failed' – 12 July 2017***

<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/07/12/europe/operation-sophia-migrants/index.html>

A European Union naval mission to deter smugglers from trafficking migrants across the Mediterranean has led to more deaths at sea, a UK report into the operation said Wednesday.

### ***EU naval mission has failed to end people smuggling – peers – 12 July 2017***

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-40577755>

An EU naval mission has failed to achieve its main objective of disrupting people smuggling, a Lords committee report has concluded.

### ***Migrant crisis: EU to curb rubber boat sales to Libya – 17 July 2017***

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-40629972>

EU foreign ministers have agreed to restrict exports of inflatable boats and outboard motors to Libya in a drive to curb the smuggling of migrants.

### ***EU says it will limit inflatable boat exports to Libya to stop traffickers – 18 July 2017***

<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/07/18/europe/libya-migrant-boats/index.html>

The European Union will limit the number of inflatable boats and motors it sends to Libya in order to prevent human trafficking.

### ***EU limits sales of inflatable boats to Libya – 18 July 2017***

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/07/eu-limits-sales-inflatable-boats-libya-170717190239391.html>

The European Union has imposed limits on the export of inflatable boats to Libya in a bid to make it harder for smugglers to send refugees and migrants to Europe.

### ***Ministers of Europe, Africa meet to tackle migrant crisis – 24 July 2017***

<http://www.businessinsider.com/ap-ministers-of-europe-africa-meet-to-tackle-migrant-crisis-2017-7/?r=AU&IR=T>

Interior ministers from 14 nations and the EU have decided at a meeting in Tunisia to boost cooperation to tackle the migrant crisis along the often deadly central Mediterranean route, with commitments to treat the causes of migration in home and transit countries and beef up action against migrant trafficking.

### ***European and African ministers discuss plan to tackle flow of refugees – 24 July 2017***

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/24/european-african-ministers-discuss-plan-refugees-tunis>

European and African ministers are to meet in Tunis on Monday to discuss a plan to try to regularise the flow of refugees from Africa to Europe to about 20,000, coupled with a much tougher strategy to deport illegal migrants from Italy and break up smuggling rings.

### ***Italian, French leaders look to work in Libya on migration – 27 July 2017***

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/italy-ponders-libyan-request-fight-trafficking-48881649>

Sending Italian naval units to help Libya's coast guard could prove to be a "turning point" in efforts to stop traffickers from sending hundreds of thousands of migrants toward Italy's southern shores, Premier Paolo Gentiloni said Thursday.

CYPRUS

### ***Italy and Cyprus Agree to Boost Security in Mediterranean – 31 July 2017***

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/E/EU\\_CYPRUS\\_ITALY?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-07-31-14-38-11](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/E/EU_CYPRUS_ITALY?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-07-31-14-38-11)

Italy's defense minister says her country will work with Cyprus to bolster security in the Mediterranean sea. Roberta Pinotti said after talks with her Cypriot counterpart Monday that the two countries agreed to explore strengthening defense cooperation within the European Union.

### ***Crew of anti-migrant boat 'deported' from Cyprus over 'people-smuggling' – 27 July 2017***

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/27/anti-migrant-boat-crew-arrested-famagusta-cyprus-people-smuggling>

The crew of a ship hired by a European far-right movement aiming to disrupt migrant rescues in the Mediterranean have reportedly been deported from Turkish-occupied northern Cyprus for alleged people-smuggling after 21 south Asians were found onboard.

### ***Defend Europe: Ship Still Off Cyprus Over 'Security Warning' – July 28 2017***

[http://staging.hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/E/EU\\_CYPRUS\\_ASYLUM\\_DISPUTE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-07-28-18-33-00](http://staging.hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/E/EU_CYPRUS_ASYLUM_DISPUTE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-07-28-18-33-00)

A ship chartered by a group that campaigns against migrant arrivals in Europe is staying at sea off Cyprus amid warnings of threats to the vessel from far-leftists, a spokesman for the anti-migrant organization said Friday.

FRANCE

***EU migrant crisis: France plans asylum 'hotspots' in Libya – 27 July 2017***

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-40738199>

France says it plans to set up "hotspots" in Libya to process asylum seekers, in a bid to stem the flow of migrants to Europe.

***Paris evacuates nearly 2,800 migrants from makeshift camps as arrivals surge – 7 July 2017***

<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/paris-evacuates-nearly-2800-migrants-from-camps-as-arrivals-surge/article35586225/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&>

Paris authorities evacuated nearly 2,800 migrants Friday from ever-expanding makeshift street camps in the French capital, as Europe contends with an upsurge in new arrivals crossing the Mediterranean.

ITALY

***Italian plan to curb Mediterranean rescue boat charities 'threatens lives' – 3 July 2017***

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/03/anger-at-rules-plan-for-migrant-charities-in-mediterranean>

Charities that rescue migrants and refugees from the Mediterranean have reacted angrily to plans to make them subject to a new code of conduct drawn up by Italy and endorsed by other EU countries.

***As Italy turns into a migrants' trap, help from EU falls short – 5 July 2017***

<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/eu-countries-turn-their-backs-as-italy-faces-migrant-surge-overflowing-camps/article35552646/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&>

Tens of thousands of African migrants are landing in southern Italy. Few want to stay in a country with limited job opportunities – Germany and Scandinavia have better prospects – but the northern route is all but blocked. This week, Austria announced it would send armoured cars and 750 troops to its Italian border to stop migrants travelling through the Brenner Pass, the alpine route between Austria and Italy.

***EU offers Italy migrant help, cautions private rescuers – 5 July 2017***

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-eu-italy-idUSKBN19P1US>

The EU executive offered Italy more funding on Tuesday to help deal with Mediterranean migrants and said private rescue boats working off Libya should review their operations to avoid encouraging people to take to sea.

***Aid groups wary of proposed Italian rules on migrant rescues – 14 July 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--europe-migrants-20170714-story.html>

Humanitarian organizations that rescue migrants in the Mediterranean are voicing concern over proposed rules to govern their operations that Italy has drafted amid accusations that some agencies are complicit with the Libyan-based traffickers.

***Mafia in Italy Siphons Huge Sums From Migrant Centers – 17 July 2017***

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/17/world/europe/italy-migrants-mafia-edoardo-scordio.html>

The case in Calabria may be just the most glaring example of how the misery of others has provided ripe opportunity for mobsters and corrupt officials as Italy struggles to keep up with an unceasing flow of migrants and refugees – more than 93,000 so far this year alone.

### ***Italy seeks 'code of conduct' for charity ships as death toll rises – 26 July 2017***

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-ngo-idUSKBN1AA2KD>

The Italian government on Tuesday threatened to shut humanitarian groups that operate migrant rescue ships in the Mediterranean out of the country's ports if they do not sign a "code of conduct".

### ***Italy Plans Naval Mission Off Libya to Stop Migrant Boats – 27 July 2017***

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/27/world/europe/italy-plans-naval-mission-off-libya-to-stop-migrant-boats.html>

Italy's prime minister convened top cabinet ministers on Thursday to discuss a plan to send Italian warships into Libyan territorial waters to combat smugglers who have sent thousands of migrants to Italian shores.

### ***Italy ponders Libyan request for help in curbing migration – 27 July 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--europe-migrants-20170727-story.html>

Sending Italian naval units to help Libya's coast guard could prove to be a "turning point" in efforts to stop traffickers from sending hundreds of thousands of migrants toward Italy's southern shores, Premier Paolo Gentiloni said Thursday.

### ***Italy OKs naval support to help Libya fight trafficking – 28 July 2017***

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/eu-to-spend-millions-training-equipping-libyan-coast-guards/2017/07/28/87920c30-7389-11e7-8c17-533c52b2f014\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/eu-to-spend-millions-training-equipping-libyan-coast-guards/2017/07/28/87920c30-7389-11e7-8c17-533c52b2f014_story.html)

Italy on Friday approved sending Italian naval ships to help the Libyan coast guard combat migrant trafficking following a request by the North African nation.

### ***Aid groups split over Italy's new rules for migrant rescues – 31 July 2017***

<https://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFKBN1AG2FR>

Five aid groups that operate migrant rescue ships in the Mediterranean refused to sign up to the Italian government's code of conduct on Monday, the Interior Ministry said, but three others backed the new rules.

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### ***Man jailed for people smuggling at Harwich port – 13 July 2017***

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-essex-40595668>

A people smuggler found to have 22 Afghan nationals concealed in his lorry has been jailed for three years and eight months.

### ***Man jailed for trying to smuggle 22 Afghans, including children, into UK – 14 July 2017***

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-migrants-trafficking-idUSKBN19Y24B>

A British court on Thursday jailed a man for hiding 22 Afghans, including five children, inside a truck and trying to smuggle them into the UK from The Netherlands, the interior ministry said.