



## smuggling of migrants — global news August 2013

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### ASIA-PACIFIC

#### THAILAND

##### ***Muslim Rohingya asylum seekers escape Thai detention center – 20 August 2013***

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-thailand-rohingya/muslim-rohingya-asylum-seekers-escape-thai-detention-center-idUSBRE97J07R20130820>

A group of Muslim Rohingya asylum-seekers in southern Thailand escaped from an immigration detention center on Tuesday, highlighting the growing desperation of a stateless minority fleeing sectarian violence in Myanmar.

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### EUROPE

#### ITALY

##### ***Six Egyptian migrants drown on 20-metre swim from boat to Sicily beach – 12 August 2013***

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/aug/11/egyptian-migrants-drown-sicily-resort>

Italy shaken by the deaths of six young Egyptians who drowned while trying to swim 20 metres from a wooden fishing boat to the shore, and whose bodies were laid out in bags beside sun umbrellas on a popular Sicilian beach.

#### MALTA

##### ***The immigrant behind the eyes – 21 August 2013***

<http://blogs.reuters.com/photographers-blog/2013/08/21/the-immigrant-behind-the-eyes/>

Account of Somali immigrant using people smugglers to reach Malta.

#### UNITED KINGDOM

##### ***Border staff 'not fingerprinting' illegal immigrants in France – 8 August 2013***

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-23610466>

UK border staff in France are failing to take the fingerprints of thousands of illegal immigrants caught trying to enter Britain, inspectors say.

***54 migrants rescued at sea between Spain and Morocco – 12 August 2013***

<http://www.scmp.com/news/world/article/1296451/54-migrants-rescued-sea-between-spain-and-morocco>

Spanish and Moroccan coastguards rescued on Tuesday 54 illegal migrants who were trying to reach the southern coast of Spain on inflatable boats, Spain's maritime rescue service said.