
smuggling of migrants – global news

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GENERAL

IOM, Economist Intelligence Unit Launch “Migration Governance Index” – 3 May 2016

<https://www.iom.int/news/iom-economist-intelligence-unit-launch-migration-governance-index>

As part of its contribution to supporting follow-up and review of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in September 2015, IOM and the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) have published a Migration Governance Index (MGI).

AFRICA

KENYA

Kenya to close Dadaab, world's biggest refugee camp – 12 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-af--kenya-refugee-camp-20160511-story.html>

The Kenyan government will close Dadaab refugee camp, which has hundreds of thousands of Somali refugees and is often referred to as the world's largest camp, the East African country's interior security minister said Wednesday.

LIBYA

EU naval force can train Libyan coastguard in 14 weeks: admiral – 25 May 2016

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-sophia-idUSKCN0YG1JC>

The European Union's Mediterranean naval force is offering to train Libyans to run a small coastguard fleet to be able to fight people smuggling in under three months, the admiral in charge of the mission said on Wednesday.

Britain plans to send warship to fight smuggling of people, arms off Libya: Cameron – 26 May 2016

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-britain-idUSKCN0YH2LF>

Britain plans to send a navy warship to help battle the smuggling of both people and arms off the coast of Libya, Prime Minister David Cameron will tell G7 leaders on Thursday.

British navy ship poised to be sent to Libya on anti-smuggling mission – 26 May 2016

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/may/26/british-navy-ship-poised-libya-anti-smuggling-mission-migrants-arms>

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A British navy warship is poised to be sent into Libyan waters for the first time to intercept vessels smuggling migrants and arms that could fall into the hands of Islamic State terrorists.

Migrant crisis: UK set to send Royal Navy warship to Libya – 27 May 2016

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-36394597>

The UK is set to send a Royal Navy warship to the Mediterranean to help tackle arms smuggling in Libya, Prime Minister David Cameron has announced.

EU Ships in Libyan Waters Would Undermine Tripoli Government: Diplomat – 31 May 2016

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-libya-diplomacy-idUSKCN0YM1QH>

The U.N.-backed government in Libya has not invited European ships into its territorial waters to help stop people smuggling because this could harm efforts to broaden support for the fledgling government, its envoy to Rome said on Tuesday.

AMERICAS

UNITED STATES

Impact of the U.S.-Mexico border fence on wetlands is mixed – 19 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-border-fence-wetlands-20160519-snap-story.html>

Two big metal fences and stadium lighting divide homes in Mexico from the largest intact coastal wetland in Southern California.

ASIA-PACIFIC

HONG KONG

Change of tactics: snakeheads force 25 South Asians to sail themselves into Hong Kong waters – 25 May 2016

<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-crime/article/1954045/change-tactics-snakeheads-force-25-south-asians-sail>

Asylum seekers from South Asia have been forced to sail themselves across the border into Hong Kong after mainland snakeheads refused to do so in response to new and harsher penalties against people smuggling, the Post has learned.

MIDDLE EAST

IRAQ

Iraq: Border with Jordan to open soon, after year of closure – 21 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-ml--jordan-iraq-border-20160521-story.html>

Iraq's border crossing with Jordan is expected to open in about two weeks, after an almost year-long closure, allowing for a resumption of vital trade and a return of Iraqi refugees, an Iraqi diplomat said Saturday.

TURKEY

Rights group claims Turkish border guards killed 5 refugees – 10 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--europe-migrants-20160510-story.html>

A rights advocacy group claimed Tuesday that Turkish border guards have in the past two months killed five Syrians who were trying to cross into Turkey, and called on the country to investigate the reported use of excessive force by soldiers.

Turkish border guards beat, shot Syrian refugees: Human Rights Watch

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/turkish-border-guards-beat-shot-syrian-refugees-human-rights-watch/article29951049/t>

Turkish border guards have beaten and shot Syrians trying to reach Turkey, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said on Tuesday, as fighting in the border province of Aleppo intensifies threatening to force more people to flee.

EUROPE

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Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 184,546; Deaths: 1357 – 3 May 2016

<http://www.iom.int/news/mediterranean-migrant-arrivals-2016-184546-deaths-1357>

IOM reports an estimated 184,546 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain, through 1 May.

Factbox: EU proposal for 'automatic' distribution of asylum-seekers – 4 May 2016

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-eu-asylum-factbox-idUSKCN0XV1U9>

The European Commission made a proposal on Wednesday to automatically distribute asylum-seekers across the EU from member states overwhelmed by arrivals.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 184,887; Deaths 1,357 – 6 May 2016

<http://www.iom.int/news/mediterranean-migrant-arrivals-2016-184887-deaths-1357>

IOM reports an estimated 184,887 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain, through 5 May.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 187,631; Deaths: 1,357 – 10 May 2016

<http://www.iom.int/news/mediterranean-migrant-arrivals-2016-187631-deaths-1357>

IOM reports an estimated 187,631 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain, through 8 May and 1,357 fatalities on the three major Mediterranean Sea routes connecting North Africa and Middle East to Europe. The number of fatalities is unchanged since last Friday.

Borderless: Undercover with the People Smugglers – 12 May 2016

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/peopleandpower/2016/05/borderless-undercover-people-smugglers-160511145820713.html>

Persecution, conflict and poverty drove more than a million people to leave their home countries and seek safety in Europe last year. As many as half of the refugees were Syrians fleeing civil war, and the majority of these took the perilous journey by sea from Turkey to Greece. Nearly 4,000 are believed to have drowned in the attempt. Meanwhile, tens of thousands crossed by land from Turkey into Bulgaria and Greece.

EU mission to stop people-smugglers from Libya 'failing,' report says – 13 May 2016

<http://edition.cnn.com/2016/05/13/europe/eu-operation-sophia-migrants-mediterranean/index.html>

A European Union naval mission launched to prevent people-smuggling from Libya across the Mediterranean Sea is not completely successful, according to a British parliamentary committee.

EU mission 'failing' to disrupt people-smuggling from Libya – 13 May 2016

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36283316>

The EU naval mission to tackle people smuggling in the central Mediterranean is failing to achieve its aims, a British parliamentary committee says.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 188,075; Deaths 1,357 – 13 May 2016

<http://www.iom.int/news/mediterranean-migrant-arrivals-2016-188075-deaths-1357>

IOM reports an estimated 188,075 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 11 May, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

EU naval mission 'failing' to halt people-smuggling – 14 May 2016

<http://www.scmp.com/news/world/europe/article/1944752/eu-naval-mission-failing-halt-people-smuggling>

The EU's naval mission to combat people-trafficking off the Libyan coast is "failing" and has only succeeded in forcing smugglers to change their tactics, a British parliamentary report said on Friday.

Smugglers Made at Least \$5 Billion Last Year in Europe Migrant Crisis – 17 May 2016

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/18/world/europe/migrants-refugees-smugglers.html>

Smugglers made \$5 billion to \$6 billion in 2015 spiriting roughly one million migrants into the European Union, two multinational law enforcement agencies said Tuesday in a joint report that quantified the profitability of such trafficking.

People smugglers made \$5-billion moving migrants to Europe last year – 17 May 2016

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/people-smugglers-made-5-billion-moving-migrants-to-europe-last-year/article30057987/>

Smuggling networks cashing in on the huge flow of migrants into Europe had an estimated turnover last year of up to \$6-billion (U.S.), international law enforcement agencies said Tuesday.

Interpol: increased border protection forces migrants to use people smugglers – 17 May 2016

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/may/17/interpol-report-border-protection-forces-migrants-people-smugglers>

Attempts to deter migrants from reaching Europe such as the EU-Turkey deal are likely to force people into the arms of smugglers, Interpol has said in a joint statement with the EU's law enforcement agency.

Europol and INTERPOL issue comprehensive report of migrant smuggling networks – 17 May 2016

<https://www.europol.europa.eu/content/europol-and-interpol-issue-comprehensive-review-migrant-smuggling-networks>

The findings of a joint Europol-INTERPOL Report on Migrant Smuggling Networks underline the need for an accurate and in-depth understanding of the wide range of illicit services offered by migrant smugglers, and their operating methods, so as to dismantle their criminal networks.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 189,414; Deaths 1,357 – 17 May 2016

<http://www.iom.int/news/mediterranean-migrant-arrivals-2016-189414-deaths-1357>

IOM reports an estimated 189,414 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 15 May, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

Police agencies voice concern that militants are mixing with migrants – 18 May 2016

<http://www.straitstimes.com/world/europe/police-agencies-voice-concern-that-militants-are-mixing-with-migrants>

Interpol and its European counterpart on Tuesday warned of growing concerns that radical Islamists could be using illegal people smuggling networks to sneak into Europe or even fund their attacks and activities.

NATO agrees to expand mission to stop Mediterranean refugee smugglers – 19 May 2016

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/nato-agrees-to-expand-mediterranean-mission-to-stop-refugee-smugglers/article30096038/>

NATO agreed on Thursday to broaden its operations in the Mediterranean to help the European Union stop criminals trafficking refugees from North Africa but will not act until the fate of rescued migrants is cleared up.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 190,973; Deaths 1,359 – 20 May 2016

<http://www.iom.int/news/mediterranean-migrant-arrivals-2016-190973-deaths-1359>

IOM reports an estimated 190,973 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 18 May, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 191,134; Deaths 1,370 – 24 May 2016

<http://www.iom.int/news/mediterranean-migrant-arrivals-2016-191134-deaths-1370>

IOM reports an estimated 191,134 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 21 May, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

Council of Europe: Detention of lone minors 'unacceptable' – 26 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--greece-migrants-20160526-story.html>

It is "unacceptable" for any unaccompanied refugee and migrant children who arrive on the continent to be held in detention centers, one of Europe's top human rights officials said Thursday, calling on European countries to ensure such children can be housed in special facilities and quickly reunited with their families.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 194,611; Deaths 1,475 – 27 May 2016

<http://www.iom.int/news/mediterranean-migrant-arrivals-2016-194611-deaths-1475>

IOM reports an estimated 194,611 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain, through May 25. Fatalities – including some 100 still missing – IOM estimates at 1,475 through 26 May 2016.

Migrant smuggling is a \$6-billion business and it's getting worse – 30 May 2016

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/migrant-smuggling-is-a-6-billion-business-and-its-gettingworse/article30212617/>

Interpol and Europol identified 250 smuggling hotspots, 170 inside the European Union and 80 outside the EU. These smuggling hubs offer a mini-economy aimed at profiting from desperate migrants – whether it is transport services in the form of bus, truck, or train, or document forgery services to allow travel across borders. New smuggling hotspots are expected to emerge as the demand for smuggling services to Europe increase.

Refugee deaths intensify call for safe EU passages – 30 May 2016

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/05/refugee-deaths-intensify-call-safe-eu-passages-160528135133198.html>

Rights groups and activists have urged the European Union to do more to protect refugees fleeing war and persecution after the recent deaths of scores trying to reach Europe in overcrowded boats.

Mediterranean death toll has reached at least 1,000 this week, says IOM – 31 May 2016

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/may/31/mediterranean-death-toll-880-last-week-unhcr-migration>

At least 1,000 people have died or are missing and presumed dead after a string of deadly incidents in the Mediterranean Sea over the past week, according to the International Organisation for Migration.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 204,311; Deaths 2,443 – 31 May 2016

<http://www.iom.int/news/mediterranean-migrant-arrivals-2016-204311-deaths-2443>

IOM reports an estimated 204,311 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 30 May, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

FRANCE

'People smugglers in British car' shot in chase in France – 5 May 2016

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36212709>

Police shot a UK-registered car carrying suspected people smugglers after a chase that crossed from Belgium into France, the state-owned Belga news agency said.

GERMANY

Dozens of terrorists suspected of being among refugees who entered Germany – 11 May 2016

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/dozens-of-terrorism-suspects-among-refugees-who-entered-germany/article29973670/>

German authorities are investigating 40 cases in which Islamic militants are suspected of having entered the country with the recent flood of refugees from the Middle East, the federal police said on Wednesday.

GREECE

Migrant arrivals to Greece drop amid EU-Turkey pact tensions – 13 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu-europe-migrants-20160513-story.html>

The number of migrants arriving in Greece has plummeted thanks in part to the European Union's pact with Turkey, the EU border agency said Friday, amid signs that the widely-criticized agreement to stop people heading to Europe could unravel.

No way in and no way out for Yemeni refugees in Europe – 20 May 2016

<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2016/05/yemeni-refugees-europe-160508120321443.html>

The few Yemeni refugees who make it to Greece find themselves bewildered and trapped by contradictory asylum rules.

Greece to start evacuating Idomeni migrant camp within days – 23 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--greece-migrants-20160523-story.html>

Greek authorities will start a gradual evacuation of the country's main informal camp for refugees and other migrants within the next 10 days, officials said Monday.

Greek authorities begin evacuation of Idomeni refugee camp – 23 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/ct-greek-authorities-begin-evacuation-of-idomeni-refugee-camp-20160523-story.html>

Greek authorities began an operation at dawn Tuesday to gradually evacuate the country's largest informal refugee camp of Idomeni on Macedonian border, blocking access to the area and sending in more than 400 riot police.

Refugees keep moving out of Greece's Idomeni border camp – 25 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--greece-migrants-20160525-story.html>

Refugees and other migrants boarded buses Wednesday on the second day of an operation to evacuate the sprawling, makeshift Idomeni refugee camp on the Greek-Macedonian border.

2,000 migrants moved from Greek border camp – 25 May 2016

<http://www.straitstimes.com/world/europe/2000-migrants-moved-from-greek-border-camp>

Greek police on Tuesday transferred over 2,000 migrants out of the overcrowded camp of Idomeni, launching a major operation to clear up the squalid tent city where thousands fleeing war and poverty have lived for months.

NATO: Aegean patrols helping stem migrant tide – 27 May 2016

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/b56e4f1e813040a09338b622b6db04a2/nato-aegean-patrols-helping-stem-migrant-tide>

A multinational NATO maritime force deployed to the Aegean to help stop the smuggling of migrants from Turkey to Greece has aided in reducing the flow into Europe, in a large part by helping to bridge historic animosities between the two countries, the flotilla's commander said.

Greece arrests group trying to smuggle migrants abroad – 31 May 2016

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-greece-idUSKCN0YM1M4>

Greece has arrested a group of men who tried to smuggle a dozen migrants abroad in a truck from a port city connecting Greece to Italy, the coast guard said on Tuesday.

Unaccompanied Migrant Children in Greece: IOM Report – 31 May 2016

<http://www.iom.int/news/unaccompanied-migrant-children-greece-iom-report>

IOM Greece has published a report based on interviews with 1,206 unaccompanied child migrants in Greece. Some 508 said that they would not consider returning to their countries of origin because it was their intention to reach a northern European country and 282 expressed the wish to return back to their country of origin. The remainder initially expressed willingness to return home but later changed their minds and decided to stay in Greece.

ITALY

Italy breaks up people-smuggling ring that imprisoned migrants – 11 May 2016

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-italysmugglers-idUSKCN0Y21EU>

Italian police arrested seven people on Wednesday for running a people-smuggling ring in which Somali boat migrants who reached Italy by boat were held prisoner until their families paid their passage further north, a statement said.

Italy seeks 18 years for alleged captain of smuggling boat – 17 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--italy-shipwreck-trial-20160517-story.html>

Italian prosecutors in Sicily are seeking an 18-year prison sentence for a Tunisian man who allegedly captained a smugglers' boat that capsized and sank, sending some 800 migrants to their death in the Mediterranean.

Number of Egyptian Unaccompanied Minors Arriving in Italy Soars in April – 17 May 2016

<http://www.iom.int/news/number-egyptian-unaccompanied-minors-arriving-italy-soars-april>

The number of Egyptian Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMCs) arriving in Italy rose sharply in April 2016, with 638 children arriving in a single month, compared to only 34 arriving in the first three months of the year.

Italy recovers 7 bodies, saves 500 after migrant ship flips – 25 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--italy-migrants-20160525-story.html>

A large ship overturned Wednesday off Libya's coast with more than 500 migrants aboard, right as the Italian navy was approaching for rescue. Crews recovered seven bodies but saved more than 500 people who were thrown into the sea.

More than 500 migrants saved in dramatic Mediterranean rescue; at least 5 die – 25 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/world/europe/la-fg-libya-capsize-20160525-snap-story.html>

A fishing boat carrying some 590 migrants from Libya dramatically capsized in the Mediterranean on Wednesday, throwing hundreds into the sea and leaving at least five dead.

Italian navy saves 550 refugees as smugglers' trawler capsizes in Med – 25 May 2016

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/may/25/five-refugees-drown-overcrowded-boat-overturms-libyan-coast>

More than 500 people narrowly escaped drowning on Wednesday after their smugglers' boat capsized in the southern Mediterranean, a series of dramatic photographs have revealed.

Some 20 bodies spotted as migrant boat sinks off Libya – 26 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/ct-migrant-boat-sinks-off-libya-20160526-story.html>

A migrant boat sank off Libya's coast Thursday, with some 20 bodies spotted in the sea. Officials said 88 people had been rescued.

More than 4,000 migrants rescued in single day – 27 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--europe-migrants-20160526-story.html>

More than 4,000 would-be refugees were rescued at sea Thursday in one of the busiest days of the Mediterranean migrant crisis, and at least 20 died trying to reach Europe as Libyan-based smugglers took advantage of calmer seas to send desperate migrants north.

Migrant shipwreck survivor says he was under hull, pal died – 28 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--italy-migrants-survivors-story-20160527-story.html>

A Sudanese man who survived the capsizing of a heavily overcrowded smugglers boat off Libya recounted Friday how the vessel tipped over when fellow migrants heard the voice of approaching rescuers and rushed above deck, leaving hundreds of people foundering in the Mediterranean.

Italian, Irish, German ships save over 650 migrants at sea – 29 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--europe-migrants-20160528-story.html>

A flotilla of ships saved 668 migrants Saturday from smugglers' boats in distress in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Libya, Italian authorities said — bringing the week's total of migrants plucked from the sea to a staggering 13,000 people.

As many as 900 migrants feared dead in a week of Mediterranean shipwrecks – 29 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/world/la-fg-europe-migrants-20160529-snap-story.html>

Between 700 and 900 migrants have drowned in the last week trying to cross the Mediterranean, aid agencies said Sunday, as calm weather prompted mass sailings to Europe from Libyan beaches by Africans fleeing oppression and poverty.

More than 700 feared dead in recent Mediterranean crossings – 29 May 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-eu--europe-migrants-20160529-story.html>

Survivor accounts have pushed to more than 700 the number of migrants feared dead in Mediterranean Sea shipwrecks over three days in the past week, even as rescue ships saved thousands of others in daring operations.

Three Days, 700 Deaths on Mediterranean as Migrant Crisis Flares – 29 May 2016

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/30/world/europe/migrants-deaths-mediterranean-libya-italy.html>

Three days and three sunken ships are again confronting Europe with the horrors of its refugee crisis, as desperate people trying to reach the Continent keep dying at sea. At least 700 people from the three boats are believed to have drowned, the United Nations refugee agency announced on Sunday, in one of the deadliest weeks in the Mediterranean in recent memory.

Drowned baby picture captures week of tragedy in Mediterranean – 30 May 2016

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-baby-idUSKCN0YL18P>

A photograph of a drowned migrant baby in the arms of a German rescuer was distributed on Monday by a humanitarian organization aiming to persuade European authorities to ensure safe passage to migrants, after hundreds are feared to have drowned in the Mediterranean last week.

Mediterranean Sea disasters leave more than 1,000 dead – 31 May 2016

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/3721ad61e9294d6a80a4a83444249f92/un-880-killed-mediterranean-shipwrecks-over-last-week>

The treacherous Mediterranean Sea crossing from Libya to Italy claimed the lives of at least 1,083 migrants over the past week — mostly because barely seaworthy smuggling boats foundered and sank despite calm seas and sunny skies, a migration agency said Tuesday, citing new accounts from survivors.

UNITED KINGDOM

Derby man held in migrant smuggling probe – 21 May 2016

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-derbyshire-36348160>

An Iraqi man suspected of smuggling hundreds of migrants into the UK is facing extradition to France after being arrested at his home in Derby.

Lorry drivers deny Tilbury docks people smuggling – 24 May 2016

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-essex-36372798>

Two lorry drivers from Northern Ireland have been accused of being part of a people-smuggling operation in which an Afghan man died of a heart attack.

Lorry drivers the 'cogs' in people smuggling ring, court told – 24 May 2016

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/may/24/lorry-drivers-necessary-cogs-tilbury-docks-afghan-people-smuggling-ring-court-told>

Two lorry drivers were the necessary cogs in the wheel of an international people-smuggling ring that led to the discovery of more than 30 Afghan asylum seekers in urgent need of medical attention inside a shipping container at Tilbury Docks in Essex, a court has heard.

Tilbury docks people-smuggling trial: 'Human cargo' sealed in container – 25 May 2016

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-essex-36382532>

"Human cargo" sealed inside a container brought into the UK made cries for help heard by port workers, a jury heard.

Migrant boat rescue: Two Britons charged over Channel incident – 30 May 2016

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-36412728>

Two British men have appeared in court charged with immigration offences after a boat carrying 20 people was rescued off the Kent coast on Sunday.

Kent boat rescue: two Britons charged with people smuggling – 30 May 2016

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/may/30/kent-boat-rescue-two-britons-charged-with-immigration-offences>

Two British men have been charged with people smuggling after a sinking boat carrying 18 Albanians, including two children, was rescued in the Channel.

Britain fears Mediterranean migrant crisis spreading to English Channel – 31 May 2016

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/britain-fears-mediterranean-migrant-crisis-spreading-to-english-channel/article30219213/>

Britain is facing growing concerns that the migrant crisis that has gripped the Mediterranean could spread to the English Channel.

UK to Boost Border Security to Prevent Migrants Crossing English Channel – 31 May 2016

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-channel-idUSKCN0YM1DS>

Britain is investing in extra patrol boats and surveillance to try to prevent migrants crossing the English Channel, a spokesman for Prime Minister David Cameron said on Tuesday.