

On the Move – Latest migration news

MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN ALGERIA

13.04.2021 – 26.04.2021

- In a [report](#) published on 21 April 2021, Médecins Sans Frontières denounces the violence and abuses against migrants at the Algeria–Niger border. They are violently pushed back from Algeria to Niger and abandoned in the desert near Agadez. Since the beginning of the year, almost 4,370 people have been victims of these pushbacks.

29.03.2021 – 12.04.2021

- 8 people who had gone [missing](#) at sea between Algeria and Sardinia were rescued by a merchant vessel and brought back to Algeria.

10/03/2021 – 29/03/2021

- On 28 March 2021, a boat that had left the Algerian coast, with 14 people on board, [arrived](#) in Murcia (Spain): 3 survivors, 2 bodies found and 9 missing.
- Alarm Phone Sahara [denounces](#) the continuous mass deportations from Algeria to Niger and Mali. Between 5 and 16 March 2021, 3,152 people have been deported from Algeria. The Algerian Association Acting Together to Fight Clandestine Migration reported that, during a deportation operation, a convoy had an accident and at least 60 people were killed.

10/03/2021

- On 7 March 2021, Alarm Phone [reported](#) that 11 migrants in distress off the coast of Algeria were eventually returned to Algeria.
- Alarm Phone Sahara [reported](#) that in February 2021 more and more people went missing on the deadly route from Agadez to the Libyan border.
- The UN Special Rapporteurs on the human rights of migrants, on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment released

a [communication](#) addressed to Algeria on the extrajudicial killings of two Sahrawi refugees in October 2020.

12/11 - 23/11

- Alarm Phone Sahara continues to monitor and denounce the increased [deportations](#) from Algeria to Niger, with 445 people deported on 12 November and 644 on 14 November, accounting for a total of 1089 people deported in just 3 days. The Spanish Government is reportedly working to stipulate an [agreement](#) with Algiers to speed up the expulsions of Algerians arriving in Andalusia, who today are the main nationality among those arriving by sea ([7644](#) as of September 30, 2020).

29/10 - 10/11

- The NGO Alarm Phone Sahara [denounces](#) continued deportations of migrants from Sub-Saharan countries from Algeria to Niger and publishes several testimonies of violence by Algerian security forces against deported people. Since the end of September 2020, at least 6,747 people (including children) were violently deported.

15/10 - 26/10

- On 19 October 2020, 6 people aboard a dinghy were [finally rescued](#) by the Italian Coast Guard off the coast of Sicily. This took place after numerous calls which remained unanswered and after they spent more than 10 days at sea. 5 other people who were on board died and the bodies were thrown at sea. The boat had departed from Algeria on 9 October.

28/09 - 12/10

- Increased departures from Algeria to Spain. [Between 6 and 7 October 2020](#), 228 Algerians, on 18 different boats, were intercepted by the Spanish coast guard of Murcia.
- [Human Rights Watch denounces](#) the pushbacks from Algeria to Niger that affected thousands of migrants and asylum seekers between the 5 and the 9 of October 2020. According to humanitarian organisations working in Niger, since the beginning of September Algeria has expelled to Niger more than 3,400 migrants of at least 20 different nationalities, including 430 children and 240 women. The total number of deportations to Niger from Algeria this year amounts to 16,000 people.