


# Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 6,413 in 2019; Deaths Reach 208

**Geneva** - IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 6,413 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through the first 34 days of 2019, a 17 percent decrease from the 7,499 arriving during the same period last year. However almost all of that decrease is attributed to the virtual disappearance of new arrivals to Italy, where only 202 people have arrived in 2019, compared with 4,723 through these same days in 2018. Spain's arrivals this year are already more than triple those of 2018's at this time. Arrivals to Greece also are about 33 percent higher than at this time last year (see chart below)

Deaths on the three main Mediterranean Sea routes through almost five weeks of the new year are at 208 individuals, compared with 391 deaths during the same period in 2018. (See chart 1).

 Mediterranean Developments Table 1					
TOTAL ARRIVALS BY SEA AND DEATHS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN 2018-2019					
	1 JANUARY - 3 FEBRUARY 2019		1 - 3 FEBRUARY 2019	1 - 30 JANUARY 2018	
Country of Arrival	Arrivals	Deaths	Arrivals	Arrivals	Deaths
Italy	202	144 (Central Med. route)	0	4,723	315 (Central Med. route)
Malta	49		0	N/A	
Greece	1,974	2 (Eastern Med. route)	135	1,501	1 (Eastern Med. route)
Cyprus	84		0	0	
Spain	4,104	62 (Western Med. route)	0	1,275	75 (Western Med. route)
Estimated Total	6,413	208	135	7,499	391
Data on deaths of migrants compiled by IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre. All numbers are minimum estimates. Arrivals based on data from respective governments and IOM field offices.					
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## Missing Migrants Project

2019 is the fifth year of IOM efforts to systematically record deaths on migration routes worldwide through its Missing Migrants Project. So far in 2019, Missing

Migrants Project has recorded 354 people who have died during migration (see chart below).

This includes 125 people who have drowned in the past week while trying to migrate in four different parts of the world: Gulf of Aden, Colombia-Panama border, the US-Mexico border and the Caribbean.

The Coast Guard of Djibouti has confirmed that a total of 86 people were on board boats that sank last week off the coast of Obock, Djibouti. After sixteen people were rescued, 52 bodies have been recovered and 18 remain missing at sea. Three women are among the dead. The passengers were mostly Ethiopian Oromo. There were also Ethiopian Amhara, Ethiopian Somali and one person from Yemen. The boats left from the locality of Godoria, in northeast Djibouti, with the aim of reaching the Arabian Peninsula. The wreck happened shortly after departing, due to the heavy load on board.

The Colombian Navy offered updates from another of last week's tragedies - the shipwreck that occurred on the Colombia-Panama border on 28 January. Eight survivors, reported to be nationals of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, were rescued off the coast of Capurganá, municipality of Acandí, in Colombia's northern province of Chocó. The bodies of 18 more people have been recovered and six remain missing. At least 10 children drowned in this accident. The people on board intended to reach the border with Panama to continue their journey north overland to the U.S.

As reported last week, on 28 January, the remains of two young Mexican men were recovered from the Rio Bravo, on the border between Mexico and the United States. Their families had reported them as missing on 12 January, when they attempted to cross the border into the US. The remains of another man who was travelling with them still have not been located.

Most recently, on 2 February, a migrant boat sank off the coast of Marsh Harbour, Abaco Island, Bahamas. Seventeen people were rescued, while the bodies of 28 people have been recovered so far. All of the dead are believed to be migrants from Haiti. The Royal Bahama Defence force and the U.S. Coast Guard were both involved in rescue efforts. (see chart 3.b)

GLOBAL MIGRANT DEATHS 1 January – 3 February (Source: Missing Migrants Project)		
REGION	2019	2018
Mediterranean	208	391
Europe	1	10
Middle East	0	4
North Africa	0	85
Horn of Africa	70	31
Sub-Saharan Africa	0	29
Central Asia	0	52
Southeast Asia	0	1
South Asia	0	2
East Asia	0	0
North America	0	0
US/Mexico border	15	25
Central America	7	4
Caribbean	28	18
South America	25	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>656</b>

Missing Migrants Project data are compiled by IOM staff based at its Global Migration Data Analysis Centre but come from a variety of sources, some of which are unofficial.

To learn more about how data on migrant deaths and disappearances are collected, [click here](#).

For latest arrivals and fatalities in the Mediterranean, [click here](#). Learn more about the Missing Migrants Project.

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