

Population of Greece's Notorious Moria Migrant Camp at All-Time High



The population at the Reception and Identification Centre in Moria on the Greek island of Lesbos, with a capacity of 3,000 individuals, reached an all-time record of 13,842 people, authorities announced on Tuesday.

Migrants and refugees continue to pour into the island from neighboring Turkey, at a rate of more than one hundred every day.

A total of 271 foreign nationals arrived on the shores of Lesbos in the 36 hours between midnight on Sunday and noon on Tuesday, while another 80 migrants arrived on Chios and 135 on Samos.

Of those in the Moria camp, 1060 are unaccompanied or separated children seeking asylum, of whom 55 are expected to depart at the end of the week in a bid to relieve overcrowding in the camp.

A total of 997 migrants reached Lesbos the previous week (October 7-13), while another 490 landed on Chios and 76 on Samos. This brings the total number of migrants and refugees landing on the shores of Greece's northern Aegean islands last week to 1,563.

The release of these surprising figures follows the serious clashes between Afghans and Syrians that erupted late at night on Monday in a migrant camp near Vathy, on the island of Samos.

A large fire also broke out in the camp, where thousands of refugees and migrants are packed together, living in extremely cramped conditions, the majority of them waiting for their asylum applications to be processed.

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