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# What Counts in Counting: Politics and Ethics of Documenting Border Deaths

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# ERIM

*The European Irregularized Migration Regime at the Periphery of the EU: from Ethnography to Keywords*



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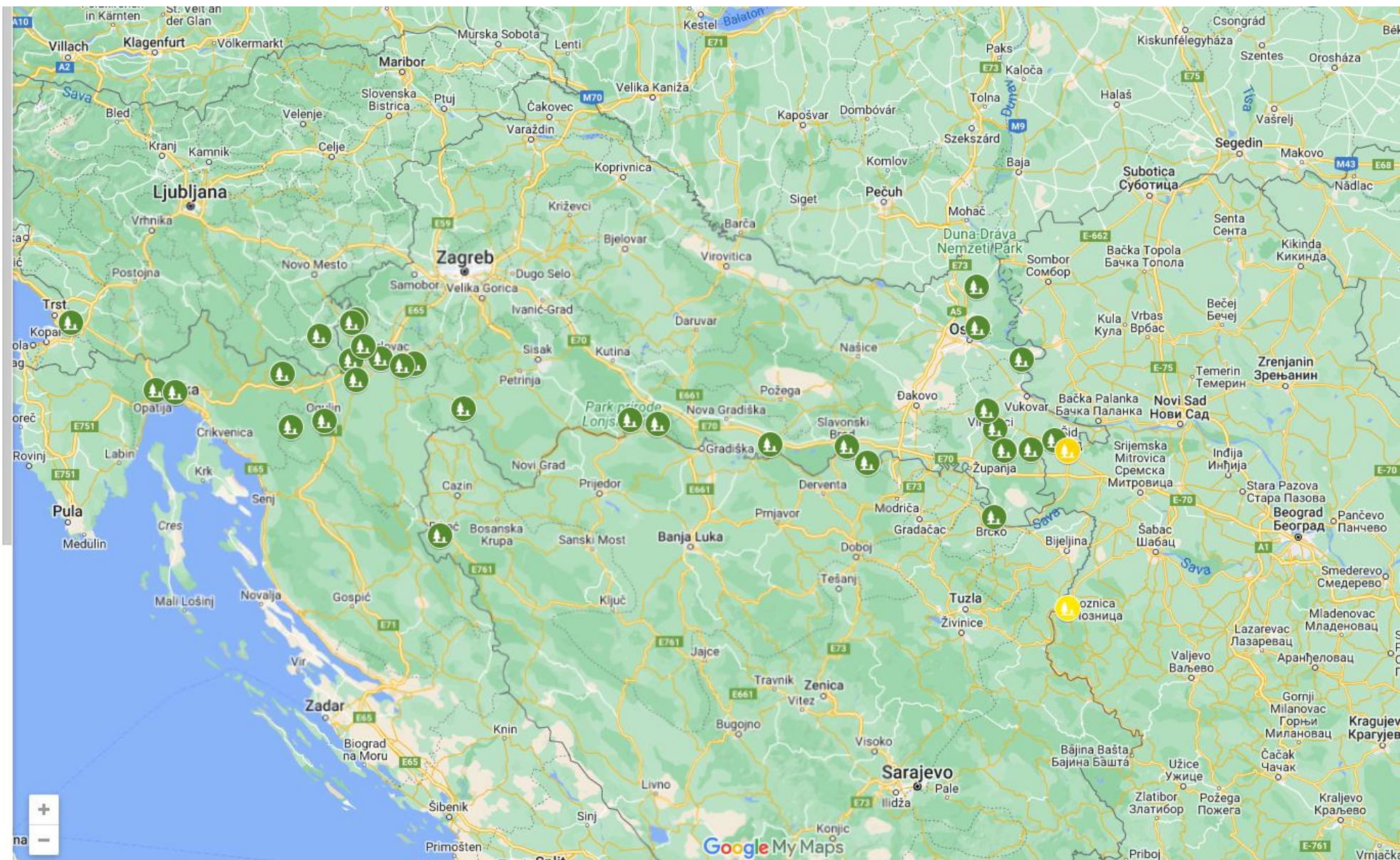
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## Cemeteries

- Jamadol, cemetery
- Skakavac, cemetery
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- Topusko, cemetery
- Boršt/ Sant'Antonio in Bosco, cemetery



Topusko Cemetery , Croatia 19 October 2022







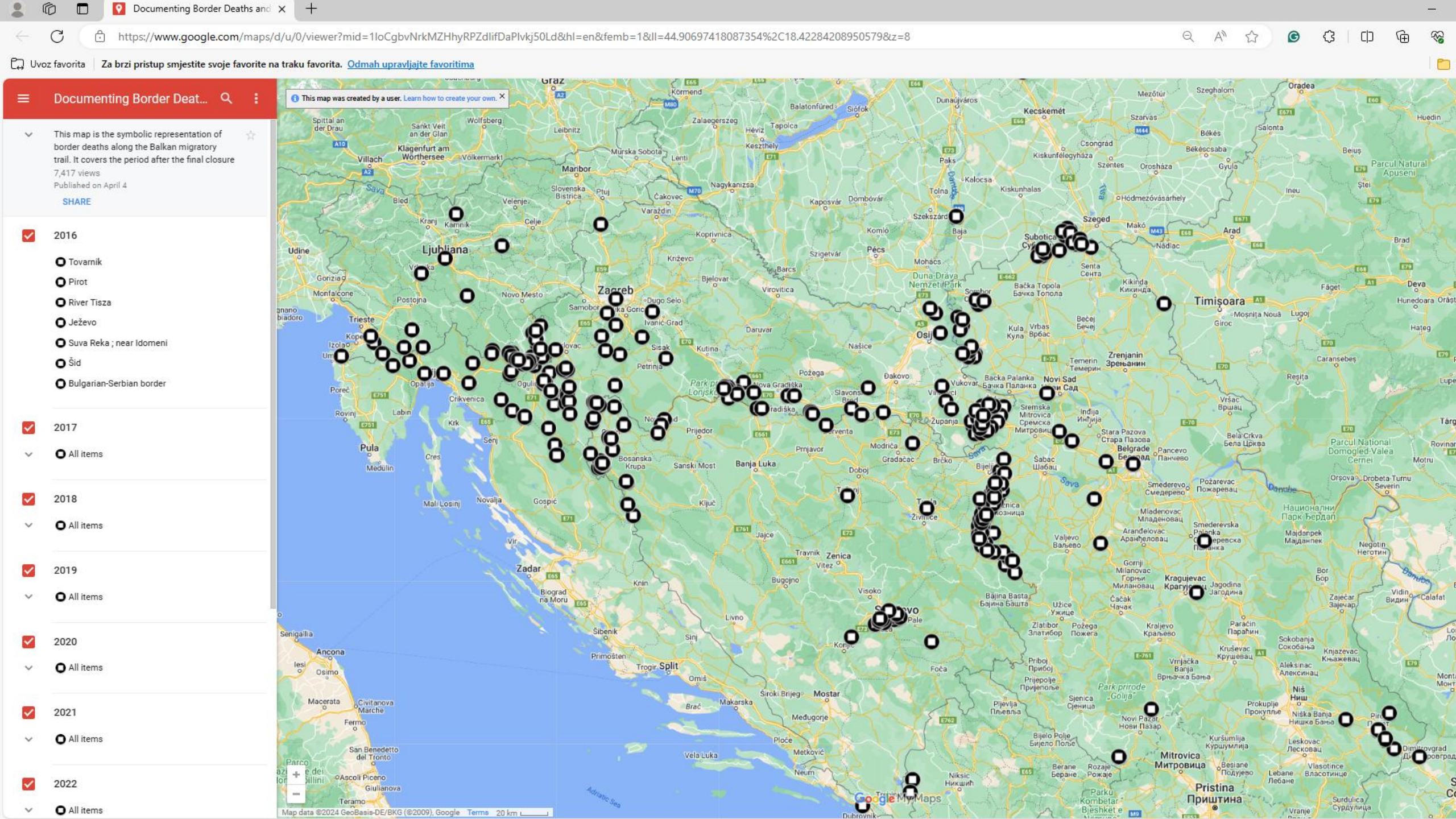


News archive, Croatian State  
Archive, Zagreb



State registers, Croatian Institute of Public Health  
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# Database

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Commemorative Action Justice for Madina Hussiny, Zagreb, 21 November 2020. Photo: Ivana Perić





The Passage textile memorial, curated by selma banich, W2W collective, Živi Atelje DK, Zagreb, 24 May 2021. Photo: Nina Đurđević



Zbirka kao glagol / Collection as a Verb  
Tužne pjesme rata / Sad Songs of War



The Soil remembers. Do you?

selma banich and W2W  
Museum of Contemporary Art,  
Zagreb, 28 March 2024

Photo: Ana Dana Beroš and Cyrille  
Chartier



28 / 3 – 26 / 5 / 2024  
Kolektiv Žene ženama / Women to Women collective  
**Zemlja pamti, pamtiš li ti?**  
التراب يتذكر . وانت ؟  
**The soil remembers. Do you?**  
خاک به یاد می آورد. آیا تو؟







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# Internalizing Borders: The Social and Normative Consequences of the European Border Regime

October 2023 - July 2024

State borders and their protection have resurfaced as highly controversial public and political issues in the past two decades. Hopes for a unified Europe and the stability of liberal states appear to presuppose the grim reality of the enforcement of repressive border controls against unwanted migrants. However, the return to borders as alleged safeguards of liberal sovereignty implies their material fortification, the employment of biometric databases, militarized border police, the forced immobilization in camps, and the criminalization of humanitarian activi-

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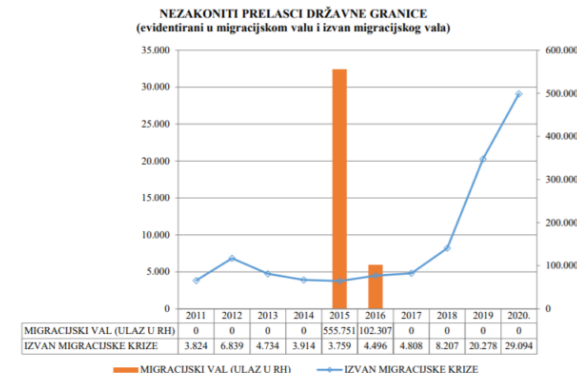
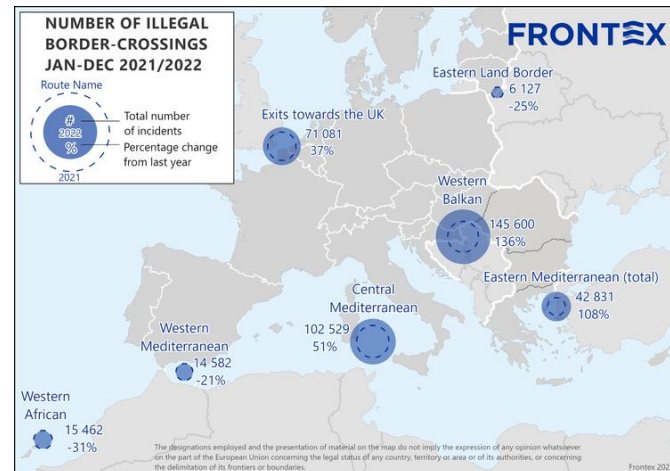
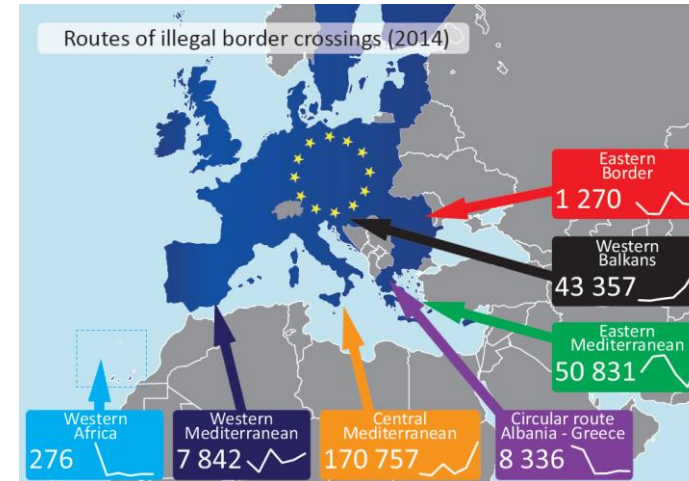
# Statistics and bordering

Third-country nationals ordered to leave, Q1 2022 - Q4 2023  
(persons)

	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
EU	89 560	96 870	112 020	123 805	111 450	106 160	107 365	105 585
France	32 980	33 450	32 375	36 835	37 860	34 810	29 885	35 175
Germany	8 625	8 275	8 510	7 450	9 905	10 600	11 470	12 650
Greece	6 040	8 750	10 300	8 510	6 350	7 095	9 545	6 925
Italy	6 875	6 255	8 055	7 000	6 920	6 280	6 385	6 875
Belgium	5 400	5 165	4 750	4 930	6 470	6 600	6 045	6 635
Cyprus	3 210	3 490	5 355	4 915	3 995	4 555	4 970	4 940
Austria	3 435	5 385	8 550	8 985	5 670	3 995	4 230	4 410
Sweden	3 385	4 645	3 435	3 420	3 155	3 685	3 265	3 730
Croatia	2 675	4 830	13 250	19 795	5 785	2 785	2 830	3 570
Poland	1 830	1 705	1 930	2 210	1 410	1 960	2 840	3 475
Netherlands	4 110	3 920	3 375	4 360	7 500	4 460	5 220	3 385
Bulgaria	260	255	510	3 235	2 105	3 350	8 570	2 730
Czechia	1 780	1 565	2 665	2 080	1 615	2 080	2 140	2 015
Romania	810	1 010	1 645	1 430	1 200	2 335	2 035	1 670
Spain	3 165	3 285	1 750	2 605	4 160	4 210	980	1 295
Hungary	610	415	850	625	1 740	2 100	1 615	1 220
Lithuania	880	840	685	780	880	930	1 010	1 060
Finland	885	700	790	1 030	860	875	785	975
Latvia	295	460	680	665	485	580	570	575
Slovakia	330	485	375	415	160	190	605	425
Denmark	490	585	590	635	615	585	550	375
Slovenia	230	200	215	250	650	285	320	320
Malta	135	170	205	185	240	185	215	280
Luxembourg	155	185	240	285	310	220	285	270
Ireland	15	25	145	415	340	300	175	245
Estonia	280	260	315	285	255	290	260	225
Portugal	670	555	465	635	475	340	340	120
Switzerland	1 520	1 285	1 485	1 260	780	755	1 025	1 030
Norway	730	670	890	1 270	1 315	855	835	1 030
Liechtenstein	10	5	5	0	5	5	5	0

Note: the bars represent a visual ranking per quarter. Data sorted by the last quarter in the decreasing order of the values.  
Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr\_eiord1)

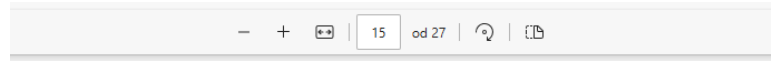
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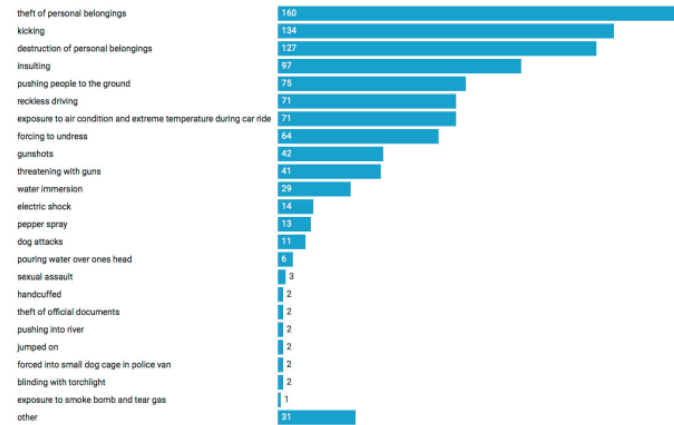
Grafikon 10 – Nezakoniti prelasci državne granice od 2011. do 2020. godine  
Izvor: Ministarstvo unutarnjih poslova



# Statistics and debordering

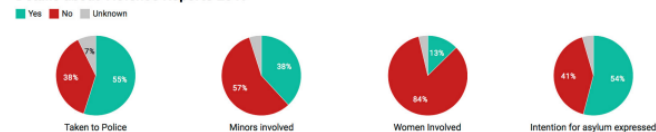


## Types of violence used in 2019



The above graphic demonstrates the breakdown of reports collected by BVMN in 2019 describing patterns of abuse from state authorities which fit this report's criteria for cruel, inhuman, or unusual punishments. Per report more than one type of violence can be documented. Source: [BVMN](#)

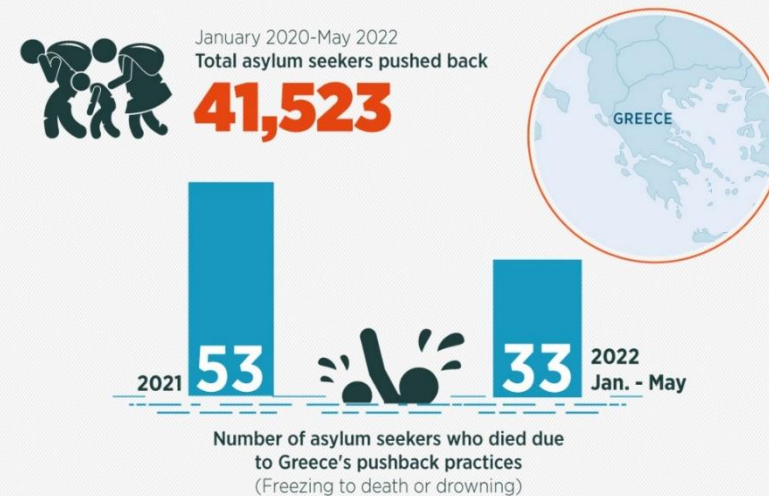
## Details about Violence Reports 2019



	taken to Police	%	Minors Involved	%	Women	%	Intention for Asylum expressed	%
Yes	134	0.55	93	0.38	31	0.13	132	0.54
No	92	0.38	139	0.57	204	0.84	101	0.41
Unknown	18	0.07	12	0.05	9	0.04	11	0.05

For more information on report statistics and for visual representations of this data, visit the [BVMN statistics page](#)

## Greece pushed back roughly 42,000 asylum seekers since 2020



Asylum seekers were thrown overboard, sometimes with their hands cuffed behind their backs and sometimes without life jackets



**98%**

Torture and ill treatment have been documented in 98% of accounts of pushbacks



**68%**

68% of children were exposed to or witnessed violence and abuse



# List of 52.760 documented deaths of refugees and migrants due to the restrictive policies of "Fortress Europe"

Documentation by UNITED as of 7 June 2023

## Death by Policy - Time for Change!

Campaign information: Facebook UNITED Against Refugee Deaths, [UnitedAgainstRefugeeDeaths.eu](https://unitedagainstreugeedeaths.eu), Twitter: @UNITED\_Network #AgainstRefugeeDeaths, Instagram: unitedlistofdeath

**UNITED for Intercultural Action**, European network against nationalism, racism, fascism and in support of migrants and refugees - Amsterdam refugee campaign secretariat

Postbus 413, NL-1000 AK Amsterdam, Netherlands, phone +31-6-48808808, [listofdeaths@unitedagainstracism.org](mailto:listofdeaths@unitedagainstracism.org)

This 'UNITED List of Refugee Deaths' can be re-used, translated and re-distributed, see conditions on [UnitedAgainstRefugeeDeaths.eu](https://unitedagainstreugeedeaths.eu). On request you can obtain this list with more searchable data in xls format from UNITED.

**Support** this research and campaign and donate through [Paypal: http://bit.ly/Donate-List](https://bit.ly/Donate-List)



found dead	number	name, gender, age	region of origin	cause of death	source
30/05/23	1	Lina Al-Muhammad Bint Ali (w,32)	Syria	drowned, boat capsized off Mykonos (GR) on way to Italy; body found 30m deep inside sunken boat; 2 resc	InfoMigrants/CRG
30/05/23	1	Abeer Muhammad Othman (w,39)	Syria	drowned, boat capsized off Mykonos (GR) on way to Italy; body found 30m deep inside sunken boat; 2 resc	InfoMigrants/CRG
30/05/23	1	Zainab Fares (girl, 16)	Syria	drowned, boat capsized off Mykonos (GR) on way to Italy; body found 30m deep inside sunken boat; 2 resc	InfoMigrants/CRG
30/05/23	1	Juliana Nadim Najjar (girl, 15)	Syria	drowned, boat capsized off Mykonos (GR) on way to Italy; body found 30m deep inside sunken boat; 2 resc	InfoMigrants/CRG
30/05/23	1	Ali Ali Mustafa (man, 51)	Syria	drowned, boat capsized off Mykonos (GR) on way to Italy; body found 30m deep inside sunken boat; 2 resc	InfoMigrants/CRG
26/05/23	6	N.N. (incl girl (7); 3 wom; 1 man)	Syria, unknown	drowned, boat capsized off island of Mykonos (GR) on way to Italy; 4 bodies found, 2 missing, 2 rescued	InfoMigrants/CRG
26/05/23	1	Shurooq Sultan Al-Kuhais (w)	Syria	drowned, missing after boat capsized off island of Mykonos (GR) on way to Italy; 2 rescued	InfoMigrants/CRG
26/05/23	1	Muhammad Khaled Al-Shaker (m)	Palestine	drowned, missing after boat capsized off island of Mykonos (GR) on way to Italy; 2 rescued	InfoMigrants/CRG
26/05/23	1	Fareed Ibrahim Al-Ar (woman)	unknown	drowned, missing after boat capsized off island of Mykonos (GR) on way to Italy; 2 rescued	InfoMigrants/CRG
26/05/23	1	Kinan Al-Shweiki (woman)	unknown	drowned, missing after boat capsized off island of Mykonos (GR) on way to Italy; 2 rescued	InfoMigrants/CRG
26/05/23	1	N.N. (man, 38)	Egypt	found dead in detention center Vincennes (FR); allegedly beaten by police in protest of medical neglect	Politis/ActuFR/BasCRA/InfoMigrants
24/05/23	1	N.N. (woman)	unknown	died of unknown cause, body found in Poland-Belarus border River Świsłocz near Łosiniary (PL)	PodlaskaPolicja/Czaban/WarszawaAnarc
23/05/23	1	N.N. (young man)	Mali	shot by Moroccan military on beach near Cape Bojador (MA) while boarding boat to Canary Islands (ES)	ABC/HelenaMaleno
10/05/23	1	N.N. (man, 20)	Sudan	hit by truck while crossing A26 motorway, near the port bypass of Calais (FR) on way to Great Britain	France3/ActuFR/InfoMigrants/Utopia56
05/05/23	1	N.N. (18-30)	unknown	overcrowded car coming from PL-BY border overturned during police chase near Zabłudow (PL); 10 surv	OKO
05/05/23	1	N.N. (man, between 18-30)	unknown	died in Hajnówka Hospital (PL) after car coming from PL-BY border crashed during police chase; 10 surv	OKO
03/05/23	26	N.N.	unknown	drowned in the North Atlantic Ocean on way from Skhirat (Morocco) to Cádiz (Spain); 26 missing	AlamDhara



# Actions based on UNITED List of Refugee Deaths



European  
Parliament,  
Strasbourg, 2015



The Museum of Modern  
Art Archives, New York,  
2017

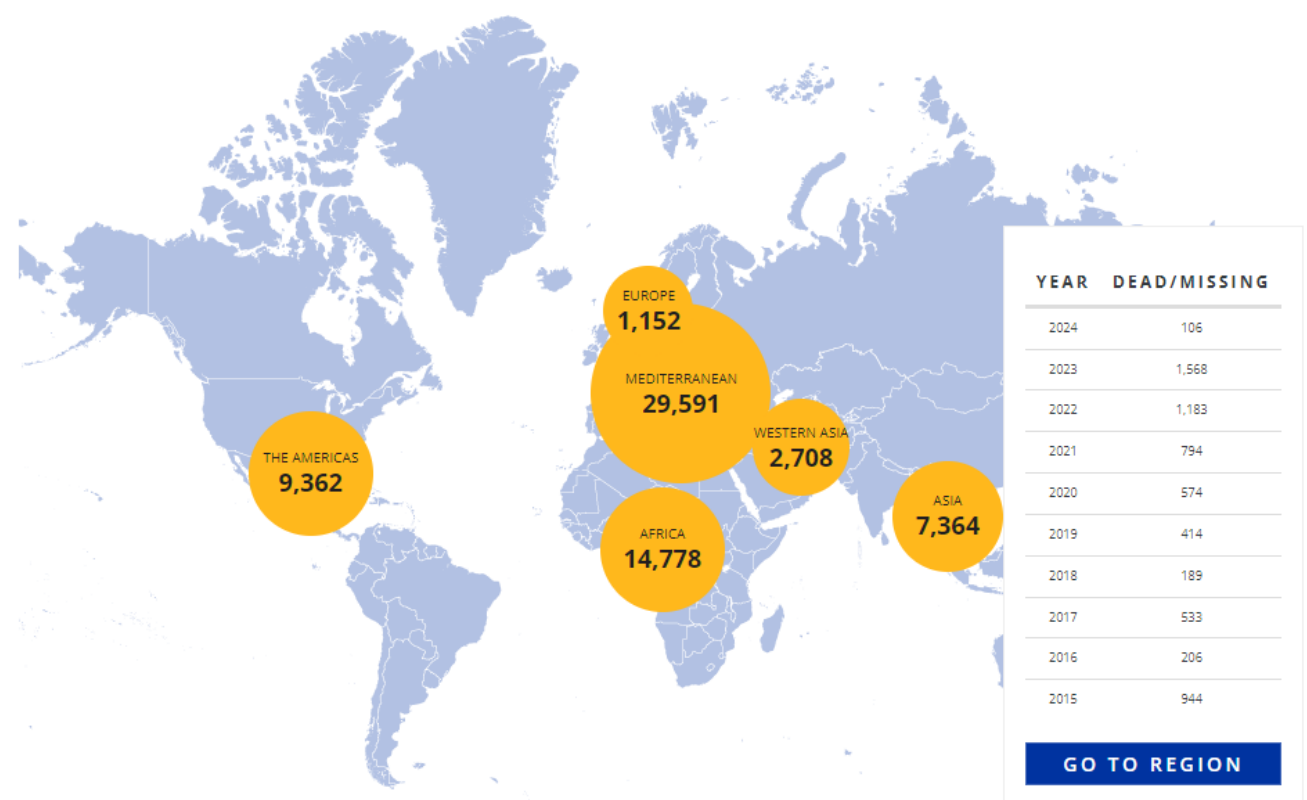


source:  
<https://unitedagainstrefugeedeaths.eu/homepage/photo-gallery-actions-with-the-list/>





Missing Migrants Project records since 2014 people who die in the process of migration towards an international destination, regardless of their legal status. As collecting information is challenging, all figures remain undercounts. The locations in most cases are approximate. Each number represents a person, as well as the family and community that they leave behind.



Disclaimer: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the International Organization for Migration. Data represent minimum estimates and locations are approximate. The latest incident recorded occurred on 07 May 2024.

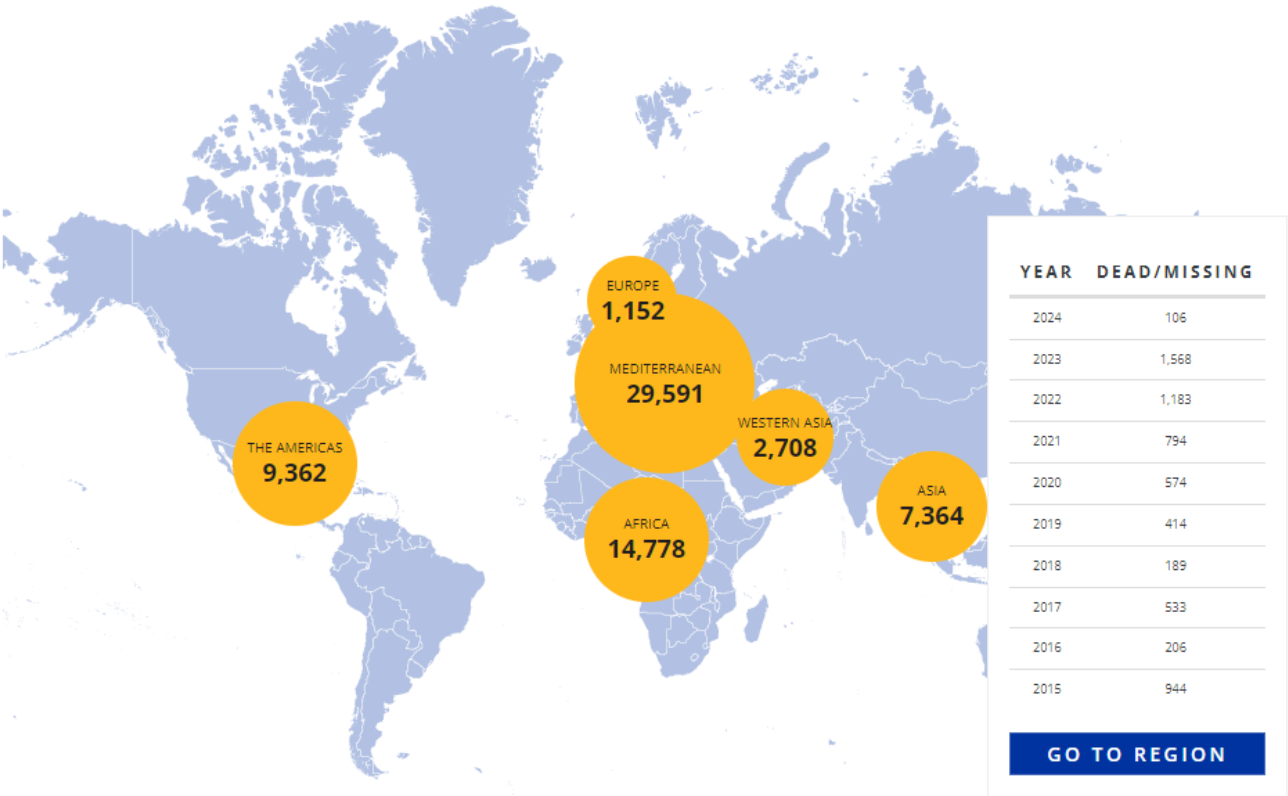








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„Moving beyond the logic of counting means refusing to look at border deaths from the standpoint of this governmental gaze – migration agencies or states – and taking into account what border deaths are for the friends and the relatives of the missing migrants. This means engaging in a decolonial move that challenges the logic of recognition that sustains political campaigns and research projects aiming to count and identify dead migrants. [...] The logic of identification – giving a name to corpses found at sea – risks, paradoxically, reproducing the hierarchy that assumes dead migrants are people who, in order to exist, have to be recognized, counted and named from the northern shore of the Mediterranean.“ (Tazzioli 2015: 5)



Pri polarnu Vještakil. a. ~~...~~  
 S. S. Gimpso preko Triga na Split, ulova  
 čemu su kod domaćih o. gupista i poredani  
 u Rukovorac (Kod Luje), seljaci u Kovina  
 u dnu 24/9-1943. Stijegani sljepčaci:  
 1) Gordig Josip p. Nikole 28) Gipo Marko p. Mate  
 2) " " p. Gige 33) Gordig Luka p. Gige  
 3) " Martin (vrij.) 24) " Stipan p. Gige  
 4) " " (p. Ante) 35) " Petar p. Gige  
 5) " Nikola p. Martina 36) " Ante p. Gige  
 6) " Gigo p. Martina 37) " Gigo p. Ante  
 7) " Ivan p. Martina 38) Golo Ante p. Jakov  
 8) " Gija p. Nikola p. Mate 39) " Jakov Ante  
 9) Golo Petar p. Martina 40) " Stipan Ivan  
 10) " Ivan p. Jakov  
 11) " Božo p. Gige  
 12) " "

41) " Ivan p. + Tramo  
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 47) " Tramo p. + Tramo  
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## **LIST OF DEATHS LINKED TO THE BORDER BETWEEN VENTIMIGLIA AND MENTON SINCE 2015**

This list presents our current knowledge of deaths linked to the physical and psychological consequences of the border closure, European migration policies and racism in this territory.

It has been compiled by cross-checking informations from a variety of sources: residents, activists, people in migration, social workers, researchers, local newspapers... It is still a work in progress: essential informations are still missing and some need to be expanded. There is no mention of the many people seriously injured, but we shouldn't forget that borders traumatise bodies and minds, as well as killing. We should also bear in mind that we are certainly not aware of all the deaths linked to the violence of this border.

This list is intended to support the work of remembrance and justice that we owe to all those who are denied their freedom of movement and who fight daily to preserve their dignity. The list format adopted here makes it easier to share these informations in order to make them more visible, but we hope that it won't be perceived as an attempt to standardise the experiences of each individual under a simple label of "victims of the borders". No list could match the complexity, diversity and importance of each of these lives and their endings.

### **12th July 2016**

A man in his thirties dies of a heart attack at the Sant'Antonio church, which hosts families in Ventimiglia.

### **11 August 2016**

A man dies after falling from Sainte Agnès motorway viaduct in France.

### **6 September 2016**

A man dies after falling from Sainte Agnès motorway viaduct in France.

# Deaths at the Calais Border

Uncountable lives are wasted and suffer at the hands of the Calais border regime. There is no accurate count of how many people have died. This is a list of people known in Calais or from news reports.

For sure there will have been more, their deaths ignored, the facts covered up or altogether unreported. Many already go unnamed, without vigils and protests, without families or friends to advocate on their behalf.

But we will never let these deaths be silenced. We will not forgive and we will never forget.

These borders kill! One death is too many!

**2024:**

4 May: [A man in his forties is found dead](#) in the Bourbourg canal in Dunkirk.

23 April: [Five people, including 3 men, a woman and a 4-year-old girl](#), died off the beach at Wimereux while attempting to cross to the UK by sea. 49 other people were rescued while the 58 people remaining on board continued their crossing.

19 April: A man died after being hit by a car at Pont-à-Roseaux, in Loon-Plage.

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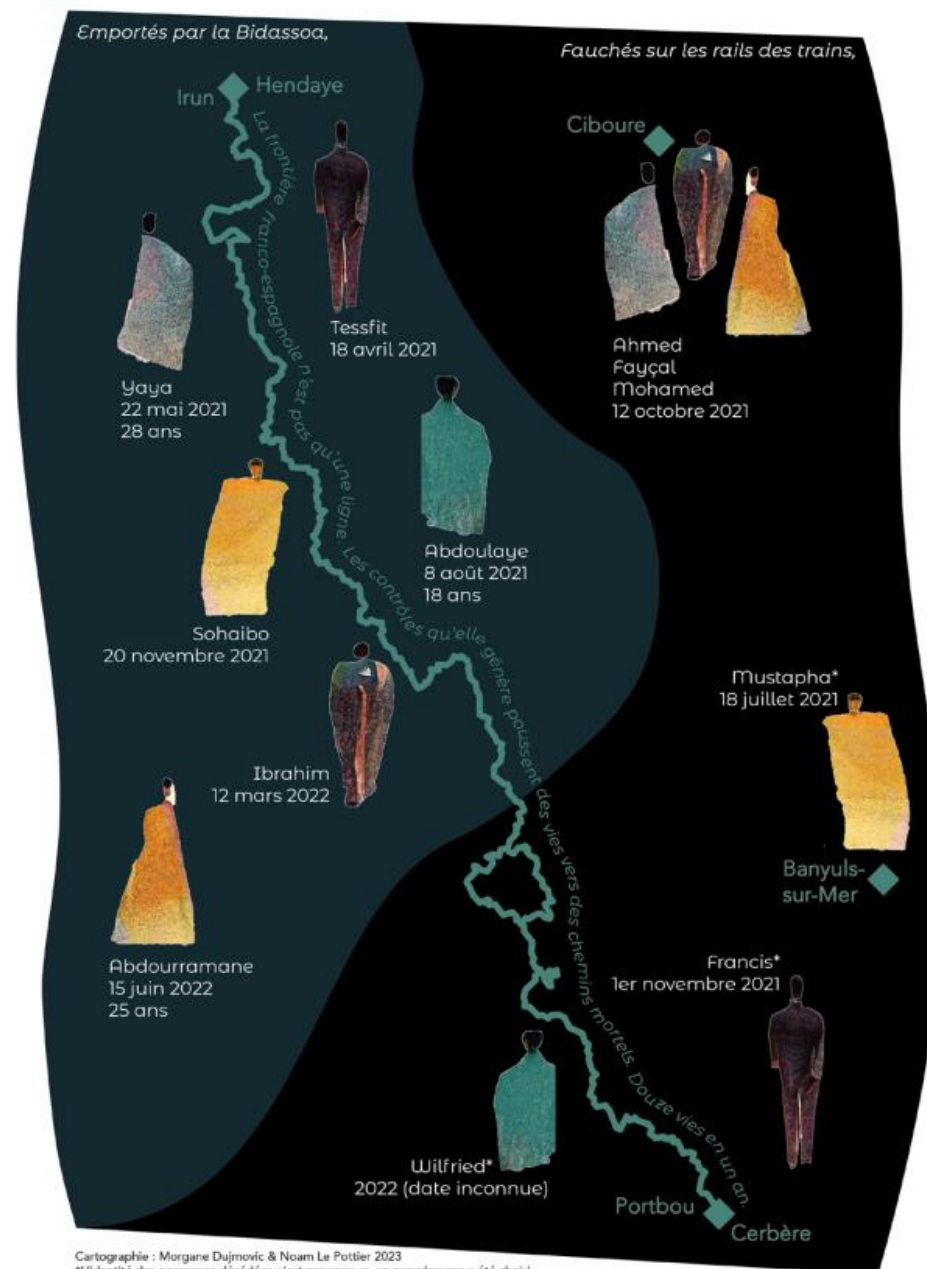


## CONTRÔLES MIGRATOIRES À LA FRONTIÈRE FRANCO-ESPAGNOLE : ENTRE VIOLATIONS DES DROITS ET LUTTES SOLIDAIRES

Observations des pratiques des forces de l'ordre et des initiatives locales d'accueil des personnes exilées (2019 – 2022)



FIG 4. Une frontière meurtrière



Cartographie : Morgane Dujmovic & Noam Le Postier 2023

\*L'identité des personnes décédées n'est pas connue, un pseudonyme a été choisi.

À défaut de pouvoir recueillir le consentement des familles, nous avons fait le choix de ne pas faire apparaître les noms de familles des victimes.

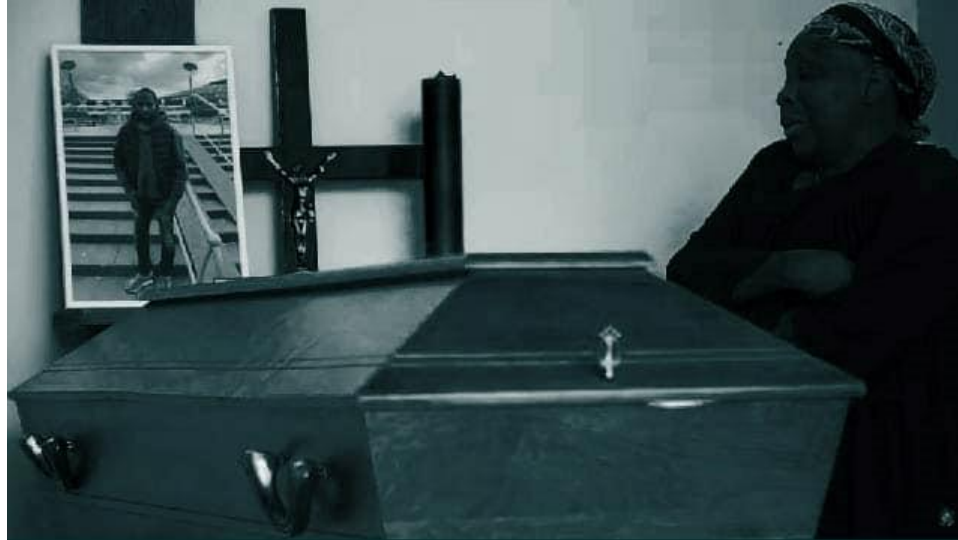
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## Zmarli na terytorium Polski 2021-2023

18.09.2021 **Ahmed Hamed al Zabawi**, Irak, 29 lat  
19.09.2021 **Mustafa Mohammed Murshed Al-Raimi**, Jemen, 37 lat, pochowany w Bohonikach  
19.09.2021 **N.N.** pochodzenie nieznane, wiek nieznany, pochowany na cmentarzu w Sokółce  
24.9.2021 **N.N.** pochodzenie nieznane, wiek nieznany  
13.10.2021 **Issa Jerjos**, Syria, 24 lata, pochowany na cmentarzu prawosławnym w Sakach  
20.10.2021 **Ahmad Al Hasan**, Syria, 19 lat, pochowany w Bohonikach  
22.10.2021 **N.N.** pochodzenie nieznane, wiek nieznany, pochowany w Bohonikach  
12.11.2021 **Mohamad Yasem**, Syria, 31 lat, pochowany Wólce Terechowskiej  
14.11.2021 **Halikari Dhakel**, Kurdystan, Irak, 24 tyg, dziecko Avin pochowano w Bohonikach  
23.11.2021 **Kawa Anwar Mahmud al Dżaf**, Irak, 25 lat  
05.12.2021 **Avin Ifran Zahir**, Kurdystan, Irak, 38 lat, pochowana w ojczyźnie  
07.12.2021 **Ganilu Oyashile Raji**, Nigeria, wiek nieznany, pochowany na cmentarzu w Narewce  
12.10.2021 **Farhad Nabo**, Syria, 33 lata

21.02.2022 **Ahmed Al-Shawafi Jemen**, 26 lat, pochowany w Bohonikach  
24.03.2022 **Yassin Sattar Jabr**, Irak, wiek nieznany, pochowany w ojczyźnie  
29.07.2022 **Mahmoud Alaa Abdullah Sayed Ahmed**, Egipt, 21 lat, pochowany w ojczyźnie  
25.10.2022 **Siddig Musa Hamid Eisa Sudan**, 21 lat, pochowany w Bohonikach  
07.01.2023 **Ibrahim Jaber Ahmed Dihya**, Jemen, 30 lat, pochowany w Bohonikach  
13.01.2023 **Yonas T.M.** Etiopia, 30 lat, pochowany w ojczyźnie  
13.01.2023 **N.N.** pochodzenie nieznane, wiek nieznany  
12.02.2023 **Mahlet Kassa**, Etiopia, 28 lat, pochowana w ojczyźnie  
16.02.2023 **Abdi Buratu Fite**, Etiopia, 24 lata, pochowany na cmentarzu prawosławnym w Białowieży  
16.02.2023 **Njengoue Livine**, Kamerun, 44 lata, pochowana na cmentarzu katolickim w Krynkach  
16.02.2023 **N.N.** Afganistan, wiek nieznany, pochowany w ojczyźnie  
12.03.2023 **Yasar S.**, Afganistan, 23 lata, pochowany w ojczyźnie  
17.03.2023 **Mahmoud Al Banawi**, Syria, 28 lat,  
22.03.2023 **Mohammad Noor Jan Gurbaz**, Afganistan, 28 lat, pochowany w ojczyźnie  
24.03.2023 **N.N.** pochodzenie nieznane, wiek nieznany, pochowany jako NN na cmentarzu prawosławnym w Białowieży  
18.04.2023 **Noor M.A.** Afganistan, 42 lata, pochowany w ojczyźnie  
22.04.2023 **N.N.** pochodzenie nieznane, wiek nieznany, pochowany w Dubiczach Cerkiewnych  
24.04.2023 **Mohammed**, Syria, 58 lat  
05.05.2023 **Ahmad Mohamad Wali**, Afganistan, 24 lata  
05.05.2023 **Sharif Khan**, Afganistan, 36 lat  
24.05.2023 **Cyril Philemon Atsama**, Kamerun, 32 lata, pochowany na cmentarzu katolickim w Krynkach  
21.06.2023 **Waseem Abojesh**, Syria, 21 lat, pochowany na cmentarzu w Narewce  
21.06.2023 **Mugahed Mohsen, Ahmed Al Huwaisek**, Jemen, 26 lat, pochowany na cmentarzu w Narewce  
23.10.2023 **N.N.** w trakcie identyfikacji  
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# Unwanted, Unnoticed: an audit of 160 asylum and immigration-related deaths in Europe

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## LIST OF DEATHS

### AUSTRIA

**SNAPSHOT:** Austria's use of police detention centres (PAZ) to hold migrants and asylum seekers along with criminal suspects was ended in 2014 following condemnation by the United Nations Committee Against Torture (UNCAT) and the Council of Europe's Human Rights Commissioner, and a new, G4S-run dedicated immigration removal centre was opened.<sup>1</sup>

- **Arslan Duzhiev (37), 11/08/2010**

A Chechen asylum seeker, Duzhiev committed suicide in a deportation centre in Traiskirchen following the failure of three attempts to have his asylum claim dealt with in the country. Duzhiev had come to Austria via Poland earlier in 2010 after a ten-year ordeal, beginning with a brutal beating in 2000 in Dagestan, Russia by armed men in military camouflage, who abducted him. He was sent to prison, where he was unrecognisable to visiting relatives because of torture and beatings. Following his release he required lengthy medical treatment and then left Russia. The Austrian authorities detained

Duzhiev and his family in a deportation centre for return to Poland under the Dublin Regulation.<sup>2</sup> His repeated failures to overturn the decision left Duzhiev depressed, paranoid and fearful of being returned to Russia. He was found hanged by a rope in his cell.<sup>3</sup>

- **Zelimkhan Isakov (35), 27/09/2012**

Another Chechen asylum seeker, Isakov suffered a fatal heart attack in a deportation centre in Vienna. Isakov claimed to have spent two years in a Russian concentration camp where he had been tortured for taking part in the Chechen resistance. He was arrested in central Vienna for failing to produce identification documents to the police, and was detained and threatened with deportation to Russia despite an ongoing appeal against the refusal of asylum. In the detention centre, he had asked for medical help for pains in his chest and later all over his body for around two weeks, but received no medical attention as doctors believed he was lying to avoid deportation. On 17 March 2014, two doctors were charged with unintentional manslaughter and both were given 150-day prison sentences, later commuted to €150,000 fines.<sup>4</sup>

### BELGIUM

**SNAPSHOT:** The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) condemned Belgium in November 2010<sup>5</sup> for its failure to house

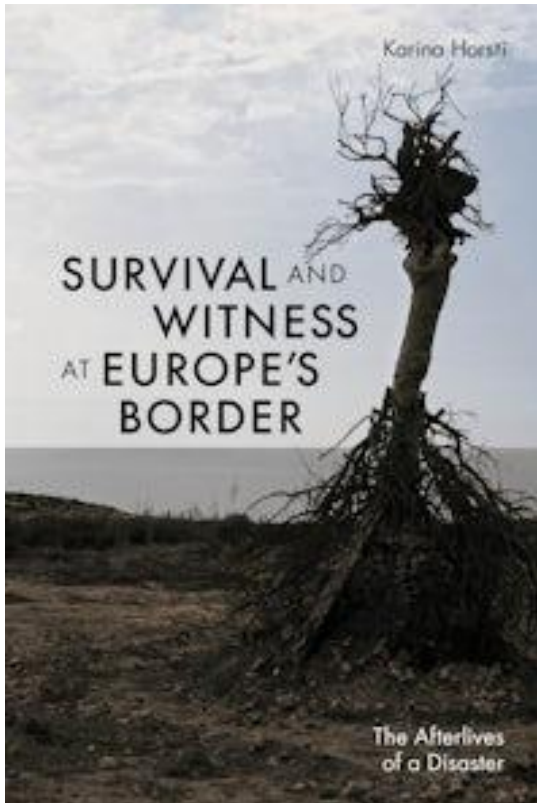
committed suicide a few hours before his planned deportation from Belgium. The war in Kosovo separated Salijaj from his wife and five children, whom he found ten years later in Belgium. They tried to



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List of deceased in Lampedusa schipwreck of 3 October 2013

## After 3 October 2013 shipwreck



Immediately after the disaster, three survivors developed the idea of **collecting the names of the victims** while they were confined in the refugee accommodation center in Lampedusa. Mohamed Kasim, who now lives near Copenhagen, was one of them. He explained to me in an interview that he and the others **felt obliged to notify the families of the victims**. They all knew how painful it is to remain in the liminal state of not knowing if a person is dead or alive. Every Eritrean has struggled with the uncertainty of disappeared persons. (2023: 79) As survivors of the disaster, Mohamed explained, **it was their responsibility to account for the dead and let their family members know**. They did not rely on the Italian authorities or the Red Cross, as they thought that Eritrean diasporic networks would be more efficient in disseminating the information. [...] It was important, Mohamed stressed, that the families be able mourn their losses. **For the survivors, accounting for the disaster by listing the names was an act of respect for those who remained alive, for those who were missing someone.**" (Horsti 2023: 78-79, emphasises MH)



Thank you!

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