

This monthly press review covers Eurafrican migration control, migration and displacement in African countries and news on the European border regime. In case there is a news item, report, or campaign you would like to flag for in next month's review please write us to: migr-contr@ffm-online.org or on Twitter [@MigControl](https://twitter.com/MigControl)

ALL AFRICA

African Union 29.09.22: allAfrica: **African Union Inaugural Workshop for Stakeholders of the Continental Operational Centre in Sudan Begins**: "The African Union Commission Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development (HHS), Labour, Employment and Migration Division (LEM) is organizing a 3-day "Inaugural Workshop for Stakeholders of the Continental Operational Centre in Sudan" (the Khartoum Centre), from 28-30 September 2022 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The purpose of the Centre is to improve the overall migration governance regime in Africa, focusing on addressing irregular migration and other transnational organized crimes. The Centre has the following objectives: To provide a platform for sharing information on transnational organized crime, in particular human trafficking and migrant smuggling [and] to build the capacity of Member States in the areas of border management/border governance and combating transnational organized crime, with a special focus on irregular migration."

EAST AFRICA

Ethiopia 09.09.22: africanews: **Ethiopia: Tigray rebels offer conditional truce**: The resumption of fighting on August 24 ended a five-month truce [...] The Tigrayan rebels have [now] offered a conditional truce as fighting intensifies between rebels and pro-government forces and humanitarian aid is cut off in northern Ethiopia [...]"

See also 01.09.22: africanews: **Ethiopia, Eritrean forces launch joint offensive in Tigray**; 02.09.22 Al Jazeera : **Explainer: Why is there renewed fighting in northern Ethiopia?**; africanews 07.09.22: **More than 60 dead in Ethiopian massacre - human rights commission** TNH 28.09.22: **Is there a path to peace in the Tigray conflict?**

Sudan 09.09.22: allAfrica: **Sudan Hunger - 'Children Are Facing the Threat of Death'**: 'The deeper crisis is that Sudan's political economy is structured in an unequal and exploitative manner.' Reports of hunger deaths in displacement camps and cities have been trickling out of Sudan in recent months, highlighting a growing food emergency that is spreading from rural to urban areas [...]"

South Sudan 22.09.22: The New Humanitarian: **Alleged sex abuse by aid workers unchecked for years in UN-run South Sudan camp**: "The people sexually exploiting and abusing women... are the very people meant to serve and protect them': Accounts of sexual abuse by aid workers at a UN-run camp in South Sudan first surfaced in 2015, two years after the civil war erupted. Seven years on, such reports not only

continue but have recently increased, an investigation by The New Humanitarian and Al Jazeera found.”

Uganda 16.09.22: ghanaweb: **Uganda Parliament slams ‘racist’ EU position on oil pipeline:** Ugandan lawmakers led by the Deputy Speaker, Mr Thomas Tayebwa, on Thursday, September 15, condemned Members of European Union Parliament, accusing them of economic sabotage, racism and interference over a motion seeking to block the Shs14 trillion oil pipeline project. [...] Mr Tayebwa said the premise on climate change as advanced by the European legislators is disproportionately applied to Africa, yet member states of the EU continue to explore and use fossil fuels, including plans for future drilling.”

NORTH AFRICA

Libya 16.09.22: Guardian: **Libyan militia detains hundreds of Chadians after poachers arrested:** At least 400 Chadian workers rounded up in east Libyan town of Ajdabiya after security forces in Chad arrest four Libyan poachers.

Libya 03.09.22: Al Jazeera: **Libyan armed factions clash on outskirts of Tripoli:** Fighting has broken out between Libyan armed factions on the western outskirts of Tripoli, as forces aligned with the Government of National Unity (GNU) under Abdul Hamid al-Dabaiba further consolidated their control over the capital. Clashes on Friday and early Saturday took place in Warshafala, a district west of Tripoli that has been the site of repeated clashes throughout the 11 chaotic years since longtime Libyan ruler Muammar Gaddafi was overthrown in a NATO-backed uprising.

Morocco / Nigeria 16.09.22: North Africa Journal: **Energy: Morocco and Nigeria sign MoU for a gas pipeline:** The 5,600 kilometre (nearly 3,500 mile) pipeline would traverse 13 African countries along the Atlantic coast. Once completed, it would be connected to the Maghreb-Europe Gas Pipeline in order to reach the European gas network.

Tunisia 10.09.22: Reuters: **Death toll from migrant shipwreck off Tunisia rises to 11:** The death toll from a migrant shipwreck off Tunisia last week has risen to 11, most of them Tunisians, as they tried to cross the Mediterranean to Italy.”

Algeria/Niger 09.09.22: africanews: **More than 800 migrants turned back by Algeria return to Niger:** 847 people on the move, most of them Nigeriens, have been deported by the Algerian authorities to the Nigerien border.

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso 30.09.22: Al Jazeera: **Burkina Faso: Military officers remove President Damiba in a coup:** Burkina Faso military leader Paul-Henri Damiba has been deposed in the country’s second coup in a year, as army Captain Ibrahim Traore took charge, dissolving the transitional government and suspending the constitution.

Traore said on Friday evening that a group of officers had decided to remove Damiba due to his inability to deal with a worsening armed uprising in the country. The captain was previously head of special forces unit "Cobra" in the northern region of Kaya.

Mali 07.09.22: Defence Post: Islamic State Jihadists Seize Talataye in Northern Mali: Jihadists affiliated to the Islamic State group have seized a town in northern Mali after bitter fighting with local rebels and rival militants linked to Al-Qaeda, several sources said Wednesday. The insurgents on Tuesday took Talataye, a town 150 kilometers (90 miles) from Gao that has been repeatedly fought over in Mali's decade-long security crisis, they said. They battled local rebels, as well as the pro-Qaeda Support Group for Islam and Muslims (GSIM), the main jihadist alliance in the Sahel, they said.

Mali 14.09.22: Echoes of the Sahel: In Mali, on 4 September the army and suspected Wagner paramilitaries reportedly looted Nia-Ouro village in the central Mopti region, where they also raped several women. These reports come on the heels of a MINUSMA statement on 31 August that accused Malian soldiers and Wagner mercenaries of killing at least 50 civilians in Mopti region in April.

Mali 16.09.22: Al Jazeera: In Mali's Kidal, former rebels enforce law and order: In place of the gov't, fighters from the Coordination of Azawad Movements take charge of maintaining security in the strategic town of Kidal.

Mali 23.09.22: Sahel Research Group: Mali Hopes for Changes in MINUSMA Structure: On 22 September, hundreds of demonstrators took to the streets in Bamako to protest against the UN Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). The demonstration was organized by Yerewolo Debout, a pro-junta group, on the sidelines of the celebration of the 62nd anniversary of Mali's independence. Two days later, in his 24 September address to the UN General Assembly, Colonel Abdoulaye Maïga stressed that ... MINUSMA's objectives had not been reached, and demanded for better coordination with Malian authorities.

Niger 09.09.22: The Observers: 'We are tired of living like prisoners': LGBT+ asylum seekers stranded in Niger: After being stranded in Niger for almost two years, a group of LGBT+ asylum seekers in Niamey is growing ever more desperate in their hopes for resettlement. While navigating a country marked by intolerance towards LGBT people, they [...] take more active action and demand the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Niamey take them under their direct mandate for relocation."

Niger 19.09.22: Africanews: March in Niamey against presence of French army: In recent months, several anti-French demonstrations have taken place in the Sahel, notably at the end of November 2021 [...]"

Niger 22.09.22: Alarme Phone Sahara: Senegalese migrants take to the streets to march from Agadez to Niamey and demand their return to Senegal: On Monday 19th of September 2022, a group of more than 100 Senegalese migrants registered at the IOM transit camp in Agadez started to march from Agadez to Niamey on the Agadez-Tahoua road. They were protesting against IOM's management of their situation and demanding their return to Senegal after months of waiting and being blocked."

See also 27.08.22: Alarme Phone Sahara: IOM in Niger: Criticism of serious shortcomings in the care of people stranded in Niger; 28.08.22: Alarme Phone Sahara: Protests of migrants in IOM camps in Agadez and Arlit.

Nigeria 27.09.22: Foreign Policy: Floods Threaten Nigeria's Food Supply: The most affected areas in Cameroon and Nigeria are agricultural districts that supply the majority of food in the region, particularly rice fields. There is a looming health and nutrition crisis; in Kano State alone, more than 14,000 farms have been destroyed while the United Nations 'humanitarian agency warns that a cholera outbreak is spreading among communities already displaced by insurgencies.

Also see ISS 19.09.22: Hunger grips Lake Chad Basin in the face of terrorism; Al Jazeera 06.09.22: Chad's heaviest rains in 30 years leads to 'catastrophic' floods.

Sahel / G5 Sahel: 23.09.22: Africanews: G5 Sahel seeks 'new strategy' after Mali withdrawal: The defence ministers and chiefs of staff of the G5 Sahel countries held an extraordinary meeting in Niamey on Thursday to consider a "new strategy" for the anti-jihadist force after Mali withdrew in May, AFP learnt Friday.

The one-day meeting aimed to "discuss the new configuration" of the joint force after "the withdrawal from Mali" and the "departure of Barkhane" from that country, according to the final communiqué.

Senegal 19.09.22: TAZ: Afrikanisches Gas für Europa (African Gaz für Europe): Senegal, with its gas reserves, is seen in Europe as an alternative to Russia. Locally, this fuels hopes for jobs, but also resistance from climate activists.

WEST ASIA

Iran 28.09.22: Al Monitor: Iran's protesters shift to rooftops in response to crackdown: Iranian protesters are beginning to shift tactics to adapt to a sweeping campaign of arrests and severe internet outages aimed at stifling their message. People are also changing tactics as the crackdown intensifies, reports our correspondent. People are taking to rooftops and windows at nights shouting slogans that target the very basis of the system." Teacher unions have announced strikes, and students are boycotting classes. On Wednesday, there were reports that drivers for Snapp, the widely used Iranian version of Uber, were going on strike.

Also see: Iran Human Rights 26.09.22: Iran Protests; at least 76 Protesters Killed; Al Monitor 28.09.22: Tehran strikes Kurdish opponents in Iraq as protests over Mahsa Amini's death convulse Iran.

Israel 12.09.22: Times of Israel: Court lifts protection for Congolese refugees, but slams Shaked's 'flawed' decision: The Jerusalem District Court has approved a decision made earlier this year by Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked to lift group protection from Israel's small Congolese refugee community that has been in force since 2002."

Lebanon/Syria 25.09.22: The Guardian: Death toll from sinking of Lebanon boat rises to 94: As many as 150 people were onboard the small boat, which sank off the Syrian port of Tartus, 30 miles (about 50km) north of Tripoli in Lebanon, from where it set

sail. Those onboard were mostly Lebanese, Syrians and Palestinians and included children and the elderly, the UN said. Unicef said 10 children appeared to be among the dead.”

Turkey / Syria 14.09.22: Al Jazeera: Babies among six dead after refugee boat sinks off Turkish coast: Six people, the majority of them children, have drowned after a boat carrying refugees from Lebanon destined for Italy sank off the coast of southwestern Turkey, according to the Turkish coastguard. In a statement, the coast guard said 73 refugees and migrants in four lifeboats were rescued on Tuesday, while search and rescue operations for five missing people continued with two boats and a helicopter. Also see 05.09.22: Al Jazeera: Dozens of Lebanese and Syrian refugees stranded for days at sea.

EUROPE

Baltics 07.09.22: Baltics agree regional measures to restrict entry of Russians: “Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia have agreed to restrict the entry of Russian citizens travelling from Russia and Belarus, their foreign ministers said on Wednesday (7 September) [...] The announcement comes a day after the European Commission backed a proposal for new hurdles for Russian travellers seeking EU entry visas that could take effect as soon as next week, following a political agreement between the bloc’s foreign ministers last week.”

Bulgaria 23.09.22: Bulgarien und die Flüchtlinge: Ausnahmezustand an der Grenze zur Türkei (Bulgaria and the refugees: state of emergency on the border with Turkey): Bulgaria has declared a partial state of emergency along the Bulgarian-Turkish border because of the growing number of refugees. According to acting Interior Minister Ivan Demerdzhiev, the wave of illegal migrants is increasing daily: “Mostly they cross our border with ladders, which they use to jump over the fence...”. Also see 03.09.22: Bulgaria.bordermonitoring: Bulgaria: Capacity of refugee centers located at the Turkish-Bulgarian border to be fully stretched.

Czechia 27.09.22: Infomigrants: Czechia reintroduces border checks with Slovakia: “The Czech government is temporarily reintroducing border checks with Slovakia in order to prevent irregular migrants from entering the country.”

Denmark/Rwanda 09.09.22: Bloomberg: Denmark Moves Closer to Sending Asylum Seekers to Rwanda: “The two countries declared a “joint ambition” to collaborate on asylum and that they will set up a mechanism that could transfer seekers to Rwanda from Denmark, according to a statement published by the government in Copenhagen on Friday [09.09.22].”

Finland 29.09.22: euronews: Finnen machen Grenzen dicht (Finland Closes Borders with Russia): After the sudden increase in entries from Russia, Finland has announced that Russian citizens with Schengen visas will no longer be allowed into the country. The announcement of Moscow's "partial" mobilization for war in Ukraine,

which resulted in a surge in border crossings, had "a significant impact" on the decision, Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto said.

France / Egypt 15.09.22: Prosecutors urged to examine French role in Egyptian airstrikes on civilians: A 2021 leak appeared to show how French officers complained they were being asked to facilitate Egyptian airstrikes, codenamed Operation Sirli, on the Egyptian-Libyan border, even though the original counter-terrorism purpose had been subverted by the Egyptian military into taking out vehicles containing nothing more than contraband. Dozens are estimated to have been killed or injured. The story was first revealed by the French investigative site Disclose.

Germany 07.09.22: Schengenvisa: Germany Criticized for Deporting Pakistanis in the Middle of Catastrophic Climate Situation in Pakistan: On September 6, "Germany conducted a collective deportation flight to Islamabad, Pakistan, right in the middle of an emergency situation in which the country is currently suffering due to catastrophic floods."

Germany / Nigeria 26.09.22 Refugees4Refugees: Germany host 2 deportation to Nigeria in One Week: While 24 deported persons (23 males and 1 female) were arriving at the Lagos Cargo Airport on Tuesday 20.09.22, another batch of 40 deported persons (38 males and 2 females) were confronted with a stranded situation after a seven days quarantine period in an Abuja Hotel.

Germany / Mali 20.09.22: Defence Post: Germany Suspends Its Peacekeeping Patrols in Mali: Germany has again suspended its reconnaissance patrols in eastern Mali that are part of a UN peacekeeping mission after failing to get flyover rights, the military said Monday.

The permission is needed for flights between Gao, home to the German military's main base in Mali, and Niamey, the capital of neighboring Niger. Patrol operations had only resumed early September, following a suspension on August 12. The initial halt came after Mali's ruling junta denied permission for flights to support personnel rotation under the UN's MINUSMA mission.

About 1,100 soldiers from the German military are part of the UN mission. The German troops are in part meant to make up for the loss of French soldiers, after Paris pulled its forces out when the junta turned towards Russia in its fight against jihadism.

Germany 23.09.22: ntv: Tausende Syrer reisen wieder über Balkan ein (Thousands of Syrians enter again via Balkans): According to the Federal Office for Migration, around 115,000 new applications had been submitted by the end of August. This was an increase of 35 percent compared to the previous year. Most of the people came from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq. People are again increasingly coming via the Mediterranean Sea and the Balkan route.

Greece 28.09.22: Info Migrants: New hotspots on Lesbos, Chios to open in 2023: "Greece has announced that new hotspots for asylum seekers on the islands of Lesbos and Chios are set to open in February and April of next year. Greek authorities are also expanding a hotspot near the Evros river on Greece's land border with Turkey."

Hungary 23.09.22: EU top court rules against Hungarian asylum law - again: “The European Court of Justice (ECJ) in Luxembourg has ruled that Hungary's asylum process is partly in violation of EU law. The ruling said that Hungary's asylum system violates EU law as it is designed to limit access to the case files for certain applicants as well as for their legal council.”

Italy 28.09.22: The New Humanitarian: What a far-right government in Italy means for asylum seekers and migrants: “Beyond stoking racism and xenophobia, experts fear Meloni could double down on migration policies that lead to more deaths at sea [as] the winning coalition also campaigned on a hardline anti-migration platform, promising to implement a naval blockade to prevent asylum seekers and migrants from reaching Italian ports and to follow in the UK's and Denmark's footsteps by attempting to send asylum seekers outside Europe to have their claims processed.” Also see Al Jazeera 27.09.22: Giorgia Meloni is on track to win. What's next for Italy?; TAZ 27.09.22: Sea Watch will weiter Menschen im Mittelmeer retten (Sea Watch wants to continue rescuing in the Med).

Italy 20.09.22: Guardian: 'Left on the streets': migrants in Italy face fresh hostility as election looms: Ventimiglia: The northern Italian coastal town, popular with tourists for its Friday market, has been a perennial waiting room for migrants for more than a decade, most of whom have made the perilous journey to Europe by boat, landing in southern Italy before making their way north.

Malta 16.09.22: Info Migrants: Renewed calls for release of 'El Hiblu 3': “The Pro Asyl charity in Germany has called for the dismissal of the trial against three young migrants accused of terrorism in Malta. The migrants from Guinea and Ivory Coast were rescued in the Central Mediterranean in 2019 by a freighter, which brought them to Malta.”

Malta 29.09.22: Info Migrants: Malta fears change in Italian migration policy: “The Maltese interior minister is worried that the number of migrants and refugees arriving on the island could spike soon. That's because the new Italian government is expected to follow a hardline anti-migration policy, following the election victory of the far-right Brothers of Italy.”

Serbia 27.09.22: Tausende Migranten stranden im serbischen Grenzgebiet (Thousands of migrants stranded in Serbian border area): Migrants trying to reach the EU via the so-called Balkan route often get no further than the Serbian-Hungarian border. In the city of Subotica, this is causing resentment among residents. Also see No Name Kitchen 29.09.22: Northern Serbia is Becoming the Transit Point to the EU.

Slovakia 29.09.22: euractiv: Austria, Slovakia look to border controls to stop migrant flows: “Following Vienna's announcement on Wednesday it will start conducting controls at its border with Slovakia to reduce migrant flows, Bratislava said it is considering doing the same at its border with Hungary.”

Spain 30.09.22: ECRE: **“There was no massacre” Spanish Minister of Interior says:** “Spain’s interior minister has defended the behaviour of police who were filmed beating and pepper-spraying a young sub-Saharan African man as he climbed over the border fence between Morocco and Spain’s north African enclave of Melilla, insisting the officers’ use of force was ‘proportionate’.”

Switzerland 21.09.22: Info Migrants: **Switzerland: Commission finds 'inhuman' treatment of migrants during deportations:** “The National Commission for the Prevention of Torture has criticized Switzerland for using inappropriate force during deportation. One pregnant woman was restrained in front of her children and forced to breastfeed while handcuffed.”

Turkey 12.09.22: MEMO: **Turkiye deported 3,000+ irregular migrants last week:** “The Department of Immigration Management at the Ministry of the Interior said that the deportees included 1,492 Afghans and 448 Pakistanis.”

Turkey 21.09.22: The Guardian: **Syrian refugees mass in convoy on Turkish border to walk into Greece:** “Tens of thousands of people are planning to enter EU country together, after alleged racist attacks and rising tensions.”

Turkey 21.09.22: TAZ: **„Friedenskarawane“ nach Europa ("Peace Caravan" to Europe):** Syrians who want to leave their homeland are networking on social media. Some of them start the journey to Europe from Turkey - where the mood against refugees is growing.

EUROPEAN UNION

Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community (AFIC) 14.09.22: Statewatch: **Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community: participating agencies named:** “The state agencies participating in the Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community (AFIC) have been named in a response to a European parliamentary question. Thirty African states are currently participating in the AFIC. The response also says that "Risk Analysis Cells", of which eight have been set up in African states with the assistance of Frontex, are "the backbone" of the AFIC.”

EU 09.09.22: EUobserver: **EU mulls 'specialised teams' to counter migration abroad:** “The EU is exploring ways to further crack down on irregular migration at its overseas missions, including the use of "specialised teams". Such missions are part of the EU's so-called Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) currently found in places like Niger, Libya, Mali, Somali, Iraq and elsewhere. [...] [The] "mini-concept" paper [...] include feeding and sharing more information between the missions and EU agencies, as well as sending in border and policy experts.”

EU/Egypt 15.09.22: Statewatch: **EU to provide €80 million to Egyptian coast guard:** “The European Commission has confirmed that €23 million will be allocated in 2022 and €57 million in 2023 to provide equipment and services to Egyptian authorities for "search and rescue and border surveillance at land and sea borders”.”

EU/Niger 14.09.22: Statewatch: **€72 million for EU security and immigration mission in Niger**: "The Council of the EU is set to authorise a fresh budget of €72 million for the EU's security and immigration mission in Niger, which is tasked with aiding "Nigerien security actors in the fight against terrorism and organised crime" and the development of "policies, techniques and procedures to effectively control and fight immigration."

EU 26.09.22 Statewatch: **EU: Draft Council conclusions and member state comments on the European integrated border management strategy**: The Council's initial draft conclusions (pdf) mentioned fundamental rights only in relation to border surveillance. The second version (pdf) at least asserts that "the protection of fundamental rights is an integral and essential part of EIBM," and makes reference to the EU's legal obligations regarding international protection and non-refoulement. It does not explain how those rights and obligations will be upheld in the context of a new EIBM strategy. The European Parliament does not appear to have begun discussing the Commission's document.

Frontex 14.09.22: Statewatch: **Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community: participating agencies named**: The state agencies participating in the Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community (AFIC) have been named in a response to a European parliamentary question. Thirty African states are currently participating in the AFIC. The response also says that "Risk Analysis Cells", of which eight have been set up in African states with the assistance of Frontex, are "the backbone" of the AFIC. Also see: Migration-Control, Updated: **Dossier: Frontex Goes Africa**, and find the document [here](#).

REPORTS

30.08.22 ACLED: **Wagner Group Operations in Africa**: In light of growing concerns about Wagner's activities in Mali and their deployment in Ukraine, this report analyzes ACLED data on the group's engagement in political violence in recent years. It focuses on civilian targeting by the Wagner Group in CAR and Mali, where they have operated alongside state forces since 2018 and 2021, respectively. Civilian targeting accounts for 52% and 71% of Wagner involvement in political violence in CAR and Mali, respectively. In both cases, this exceeds the rate of civilian targeting perpetrated by allied state forces, as well as the major insurgent groups operating in each context.

Also see NYT 01.09.22: **Main Target of Russian Mercenaries in Africa Is Civilians, Report Says**.

26.09.22: Africa Center for Strategic Studies: **Five Zones of Militant Islamist Violence in the Sahel**: The western Sahel has seen a quadrupling in the number of militant Islamist group events since 2019. The 2,800 violent events projected for 2022 represent a doubling in the past year. This violence has expanded in intensity and geographic reach:

Of the 135 administrative districts in Mali, Burkina Faso, and western Niger, 84 districts, or nearly two-thirds, have experienced violent extremist attacks in 2022. In 2017, this figure was less than one-third (40 districts).

More than 80 percent of all violent events took place in 30 districts of northern and central Mali in 2017. In 2022, more than two-thirds of the violent events linked to militant Islamist groups in the Sahel took place outside of Mali, mostly in Burkina Faso.

Seven administrative districts in the Sahel are each projected to suffer more than 100 violent events in 2022. This 100-event threshold had only been crossed 5 times before this year.

07.09.22 Alarmphone: **A dilemma between unbelievable violence and death**: Detailed accounts of survivors shed light on the brutal practices and the infrastructure of violence against people on the move in the Evros/Meric region.

09/22: Alarmphone: **The criminalisation of people on the move**: This report portrays and denounces the multiple forms of criminalisation of people on the move in the Western Mediterranean and Atlantic region [between 31 March 2022 and 30 June 2022] and the damaging effects such criminalisation has on people's lives. However, we have to start by expressing our grief and anger about the events of 24 June, when dozens of people – although the first estimates were 29 dead, the estimated number of dead and/or missing people has now risen to over 100 – were killed by Moroccan and Spanish forces at the Melilla border fence.”

14.09.22 Al Jazeera: **In Somalia, al-Shabab's courts win more converts**: More Somalis are losing faith in the country's slow judicial process and taking their complaints to the armed group.

14.09.22 Al Jazeera: **From Dadaab to Mogadishu: More refugees return to rebuild Somalia**: Dadaab, a complex settlement consisting of three camps – Ifo, Dagahaley and Hagadera – was first established in 1991 to temporarily host some 90,000 Somali refugees fleeing the civil war which began that year. But over the years, it has expanded to more than three times its capacity and became one of the world's largest refugee camps – hosting up to half a million people at one point in 2011. Currently, the camp is home to more than 200,000 refugees. While there is no official data on the number of returnee refugees working in Somalia, anecdotal evidence suggests many former refugees from Dadaab and other camps, work with the government and NGOs across the country.

09/22: BVMN: **Violence Within State Border: Serbia**: Through analysis of data collected in the field, the first section of this report will discuss acts of physical violence against [people on the move]. The second will examine violence inflicted by law enforcement officers and members of extremist right-wing political groups, while the third will report instances of structural violence, a term that refers to the development or perpetuation of inequality by social institutions or processes. Specific examples of structural violence reported by [people on the move] and the organizations which support them include restricted access to asylum, collective expulsions, evictions, harassment, and criminalization of solidarity.”

21.09.22 **The Conversation: [The scourge of sexual violence in West Africa, unveiled:](#)** More than 40% of women in West Africa are victims of violence at least once in their lifetimes, according to a 2018 report, Réseau des Femmes Elues Locales d'Afrique (REFELA). Together with Central Africa (65% of women are victims of violence), these two regions constitute the part of the world with the highest level of violence against women (REFELA 2018 report).

To better identify the extent of such violence, particularly sexual violence, its variation by age and the main perpetrators involved, here we present some indicators.

03.09.22 **DW: [Afrika rüstet auf: Kostspieliger Schutz vor Terror \(Africa is arming itself: Costly protection against terror\):](#)** According to an April SIPRI report, spending across Africa increased by 1.2 percent in 2021 compared to 2020, meaning countries spent \$39.7 billion on military equipment. Sub-Saharan Africa, led by Nigeria, accounted for just over half of this sum, around \$20.1 billion.

28.09.22 **TAZ: [Freiheitsentzug als Programm \(Deprivation of freedom as a program\):](#)** In 2020, the Greek refugee camp Moria burned down. The EU promised a new start and had new camps built. How do the arrivals live there?

09/22 **The New Humanitarian: [What's behind the deaths at Morocco's land border with the EU?](#)** A mass crossing attempt in June that ended in disaster has thrown the spotlight on Morocco's role in EU efforts to control migration."

09/22 **The New Humanitarian: [How European courts are wrongfully prosecuting asylum seekers as smugglers:](#)** In May this year, a Greek court sentenced Abdallah, Kheiraldin, and Mohamad, three Syrian refugees [...] to a combined 439 years in prison for "facilitating unauthorised entry" into Greece [...] The case against the three men is not an anomaly, but a particularly egregious example of a trend taking place across Europe: Since the 2015 migration crisis, European countries have increasingly prosecuted asylum seekers and migrants using laws intended to combat people smuggling. The same laws have also been used to crack down on civil society organisations and activists providing humanitarian support to people migrating. But while those cases – mainly involving European citizens – often garner media attention, cases involving asylum seekers and migrants are frequently overlooked."

09/22 **Worldcrunch: [Across Africa, Families Of Migrants Lost At Sea Join Forces For Comfort And Justice:](#)** In West and North Africa, survivors of migrants who've vanished have come together to support each other and pay tribute to their family members. But above all, they're trying any means possible to find out the truth and get justice after years of silence [...] For the second edition of this "CommemorAction", some have come a long way. From Senegal to Algeria, Niger and Morocco, these families have come together for the same reason: They're looking for answers and accountability. Other activists, supporters and researchers have also arrived from Europe. In addition to its commemorative aspect, this gathering's aim is also the convergence of the struggles of Northern Africa and Western Africa. In spite of all my suffering, the fact of being here with other families of missing people, and fighting together, it brings me some peace," Souad says."

09/22 Africa Europe interact: **Togo: Familiendiktatur seit 1967**: Afrique-Europe-Interact hat eine neue 4-seitige Zeitung mit Fokus auf Togo veröffentlicht. Anlass der Zeitung ist die seit den Massenprotesten 2017/2018 anhaltende Repression in dem westafrikanischen Land, das seit 1967 von einer einzigen Familie diktatorisch beherrscht wird.

CAMPAIGNS

Civil MRCC 02.09.22: The civil MRCC is very happy to present its second issue of „Echoes“. In reference to the transnational days of CommemorAction starting on the 3rd of September in Zarzis/Tunisia, we dedicated this 2nd issue to the people missing and drowned at sea. To reach a broader audience, the document was translated into French and Arabic and is available.

Find the **issue EN version here**.

Free El Hiblu 3 28.09.22: Press Statement: Three-and-a-half years ago, Amara, Kader, and Abdalla – the “El Hiblu 3” – arrived in Malta and were arrested, accused of having committed multiple crimes, including acts of terrorism, threatening a crew, and hijacking a ship. The "Free the El Hiblu 3" campaign has addressed Malta's Attorney General Dr Victoria Buttigieg with an open letter. The Attorney General will decide which charges to bring against the three young men. We call on her to dismiss the trial entirely and drop all accusation. The Letter in PDF format can be found **here**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Abolish Frontex 15.10.22: **Call for action against the Italy-Libya Memorandum** for 15 October 2022. Berlin, Brussels and Madrid are the first cities to have responded to the call. We hope that many more will be added to this list.

- Stop the Italy-Libya Memorandum!
- Stop pullback of refugees and migrants to Libya, stop cooperation with so-called LYCG! -Free all refugees and migrants, close the detention centers!
- Evacuation to safe countries for all refugees and migrants in Libya!

Please find the Call for action here. To join/organize actions, please contact: solidaritywithrefugeesinlibya@riseup.net