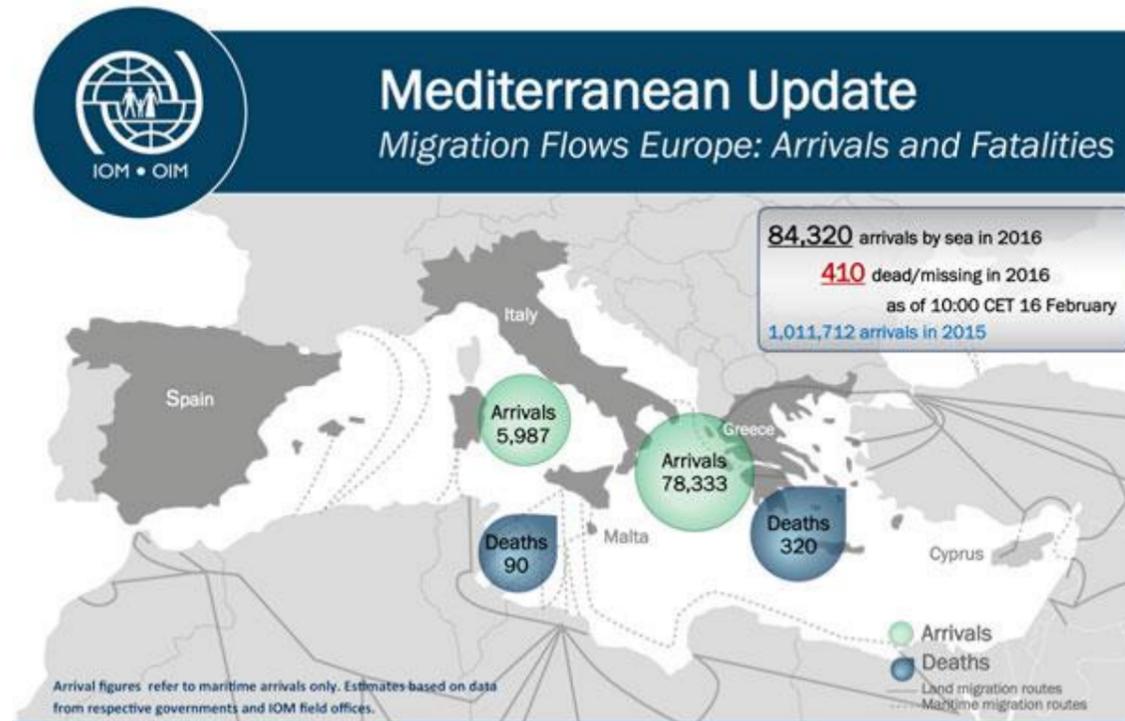




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Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016 Pass 84,000; Deaths Reach 410

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Greece - An estimated 78,333 migrants or refugees have crossed into Greece since the beginning of 2016. Of these 16,140 arrived in February and 62,193 arrived in January, according to IOM.

While migrants are continuing to arrive in Greece, February arrivals have declined by 36 percent from the first half of January. The highest daily total was on February 3rd (3,036) and the lowest on February 6th (7).

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European Commission, IOM Strengthen Strategic Dialogue on Global Migration Issues

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Belgium - European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica is today opening a high-level dialogue with IOM in Brussels to exchange views on current and future challenges in the field of migration.

IOM Director General William Lacy Swing and Deputy Director General Laura Thompson are taking part in the annual strategic meeting, together with other senior European Commission (EC) officials and representatives of the European External Action Service. Officials from IOM's Geneva HQ and European Regional Office in Brussels are also attending.

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Quote of the day

"Migration has always been one of the most important drivers of human progress and dynamism." – Professor Ian Goldin, University of Oxford. [World Economic Forum.](#)

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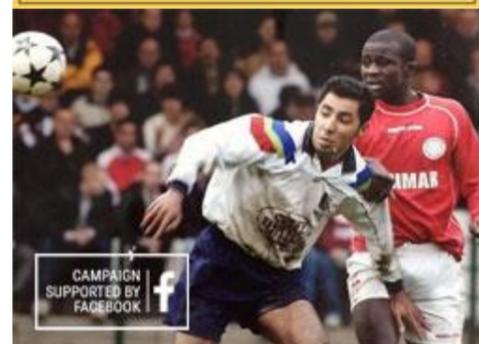
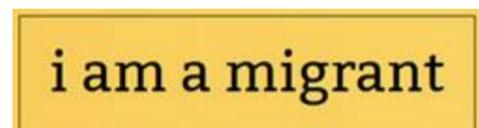
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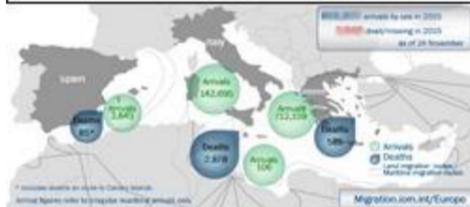


Zouhair: "Football taught me from a very young age that we are living in a multi-cultural community."

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Migration Flows Europe



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Missing Migrants Project



A global database tracking data on deceased and missing migrants along migratory routes.

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Migration in the News

- [Euronews](#) reported that a new cemetery has been opened on the Greek island of Lesbos for migrants and refugees who drown trying to cross the Aegean. It cited IOM data.
- [New Europe](#) reported the European Commission has given Greece EUR 12.7 million to provide reception facilities for thousands of refugees and migrants arriving from Turkey by sea. It cited IOM estimates.
- [CCTV America](#) reported that NATO has initiated plans to stop migrant flows in the Aegean by deploying ships and will try to identify and capture human smugglers. It referenced IOM data.
- [Frankfurter Allgemeine](#) quoted IOM DG William Lacy Swing speaking on the manageability of the EU migration crisis at the Munich Security Conference. "Our economies can manage this," he said.
- [CNN](#) interviewed IOM Iraq's Sandra Black about IOM's voluntary return assistance for Iraqis returning from Europe.
- South Sudan's [Radio Tamazuj](#) reported on the establishment of light base camps to extend aid operations to remote areas.
- [News Ghana](#) and [Ghana Broadcasting Corp](#) reported on the launch of an EU-funded Migration Information Centre.

Trending on the Internet

- [BBC](#) reported that China has issued new guidelines to protect children in rural areas whose parents have migrated to cities to work.
- [The Guardian](#) reported that according to an ITUC report, abuse of migrant workers is now a top risk for businesses. The majority of companies are unaware of how parts of their supply chain could be vulnerable to serious human rights abuses.

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