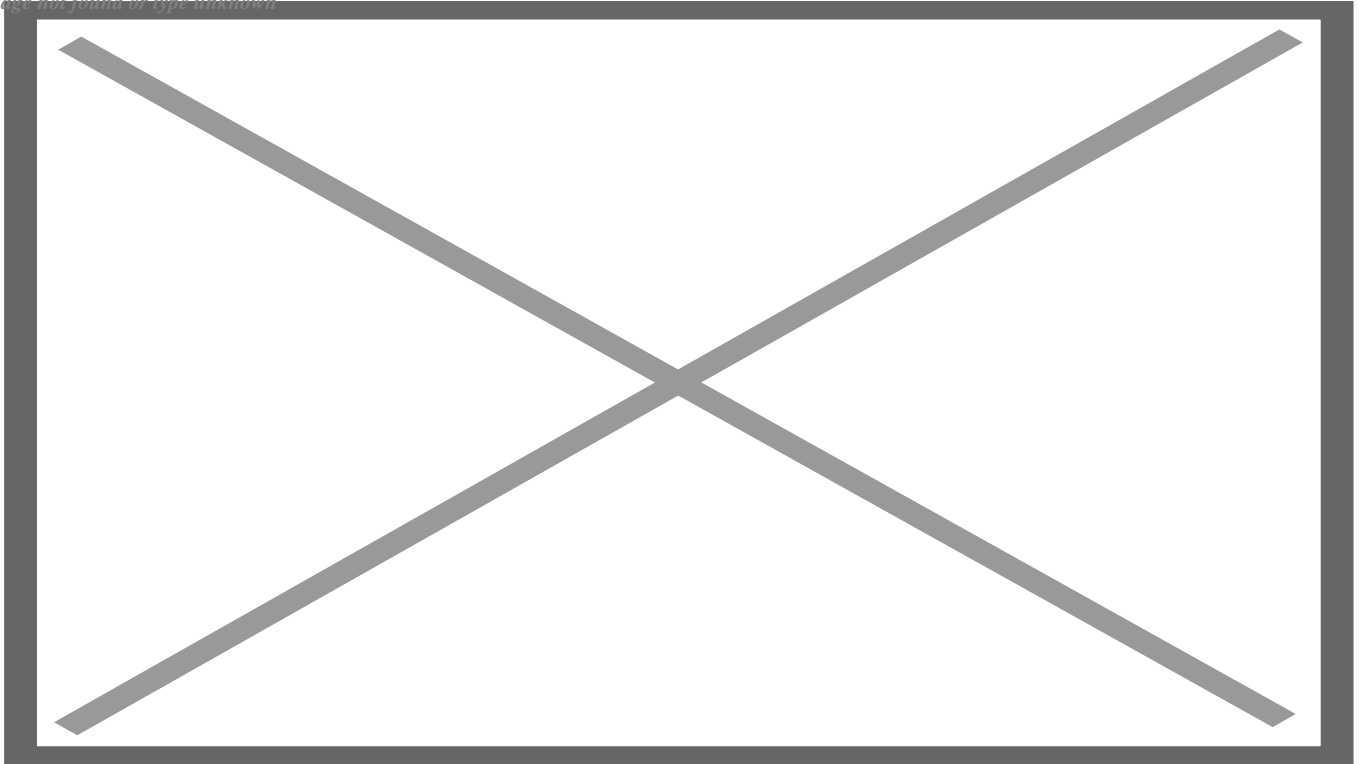


# *Disposable human beings*

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The most recent news about those who must leave their home and country to save their lives, pursue the hope of a better future and give opportunities to their children, clearly show us that humanity is splitting apart with irreconcilable differences.

More than 30 people died in front of the Melilla fence, erected as a new "Hadrian's Wall" to prevent the passage of the "barbarians", and their bodies were hastily buried by the Moroccan regime to evade an independent investigation of such an atrocity.

A few days later, the macabre discovery was made of a group of migrants crammed into the back of a truck on the outskirts of San Antonio, Texas, most of them dead due to the sweltering heat and lack of water.

So far there are 53 fatalities, 40 men and 13 women, but the number may rise due to the delicate condition of the survivors. Most of them are of Mexican nationality and the rest left from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

These are shocking figures, but they are not the only ones circulating in the media.

The Mexican newspaper La Jornada reported the day before that the opprobrious slave trade is intensifying in Libya, in the purest style of the Middle Ages with all its inclemencies and brutalities.

This is a country where the best standard of living in North Africa existed, but was reduced to rubble by NATO bombing to eliminate the leader Muammar Al Gaddafi and restore "democracy and freedom".

A UN investigation found that many of the migrants who cross this territory, hoping to cross the Mediterranean and reach European shores, where they are not welcome, are often left in the hands of traffickers who commit all kinds of abuses against them.

Women, the report states, are raped in exchange for food and water or to extort money from their families. Many are arbitrarily trapped in supposed centers for combating illegal migration, which in reality are run by irregular armed groups to profit from them.

There are slave markets where young men and women are often sold for a few euros for labor or sexual exploitation, as has been repeatedly confirmed by non-governmental organizations.

Sub-Saharanans in Morocco or Libya, as well as Latin Americans on the border with the United States, are treated as beings of another category, as disposable merchandise or, at best, disposable human beings.

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