

110 refugees rescued off Italian coast amid stalled plans to transfer migrants to Albania



Rome, August 13 (RHC)-- The Italian coast guard and the Spanish nonprofit Open Arms rescued 110 migrants at sea off the Italian island of Lampedusa Monday. One refugee died during the journey.

Rescue worker Esther Camps, speaking after Monday's mission, told reporters: "Once again, these operations make evident that it's necessary to have more operations and vessels that are willing to help these people."

This comes as a contested Italian plan to transfer tens of thousands of refugees to detention camps in Albania has been delayed. Rights advocates have condemned the plan by far-right Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, which they have compared to the now-defunct agreement between the U.K. and Rwanda.

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