At least eight refugees drown while attempting to cross English Channel



London, September 17 (RHC)-- Eight asylum seekers died when their vessel sank in the English Channel as they attempted to cross from France to the U.K.

The deceased were from Eritrea, Sudan, Syria, Egypt, Iran and Afghanistan. A number of survivors were rushed to the hospital after a rescue operation, including a 10-month-old baby with hypothermia.

Earlier this month, at least 12 migrants died making the same journey. Rights groups condemned the U.K. and European governments for failing to provide safe asylum routes, Amnesty International calling it "yet another appalling and avoidable tragedy."

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