

# *Nearly 50 migrants stranded at sea as European countries refuse to accept them*

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Vatican City, January 8 (RHC)-- Pope Francis appealed to Italy and Malta to allow a group of nearly 50 migrants aboard two rescue ships to disembark at their ports. The migrants have been stranded on the ships in the Mediterranean for two weeks, and leaders in Italy and Malta are refusing to let the boats dock.

Pope Francis asked for the countries to show “concrete solidarity” to the migrants. Meanwhile, Spanish authorities say they rescued nearly 550 migrants at sea over the weekend.

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