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Tripoli, August 3 RHC)-- Over 700 refugees — including a three-month-old baby — have been rescued off the coast of Libya and Malta as they attempted to reach Europe.

The humanitarian group SOS Mediterranee has carried out at least six separate rescue operations since Saturday. The group is searching for a safe location to disembark the asylum-seekers.

This comes as the number of refugees trying to reach European soil continues to grow due to worsening poverty, violence and the climate crisis. Over 1,100 refugees have perished crossing through dangerous sea routes so far this year.

Meanwhile, Greek authorities on the island of Lesbos have drafted criminal charges against at least 10 humanitarian aid workers — accusing migrant rescue groups of “human trafficking.”

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