

New York Times video shows Greek authorities stranding migrants at sea

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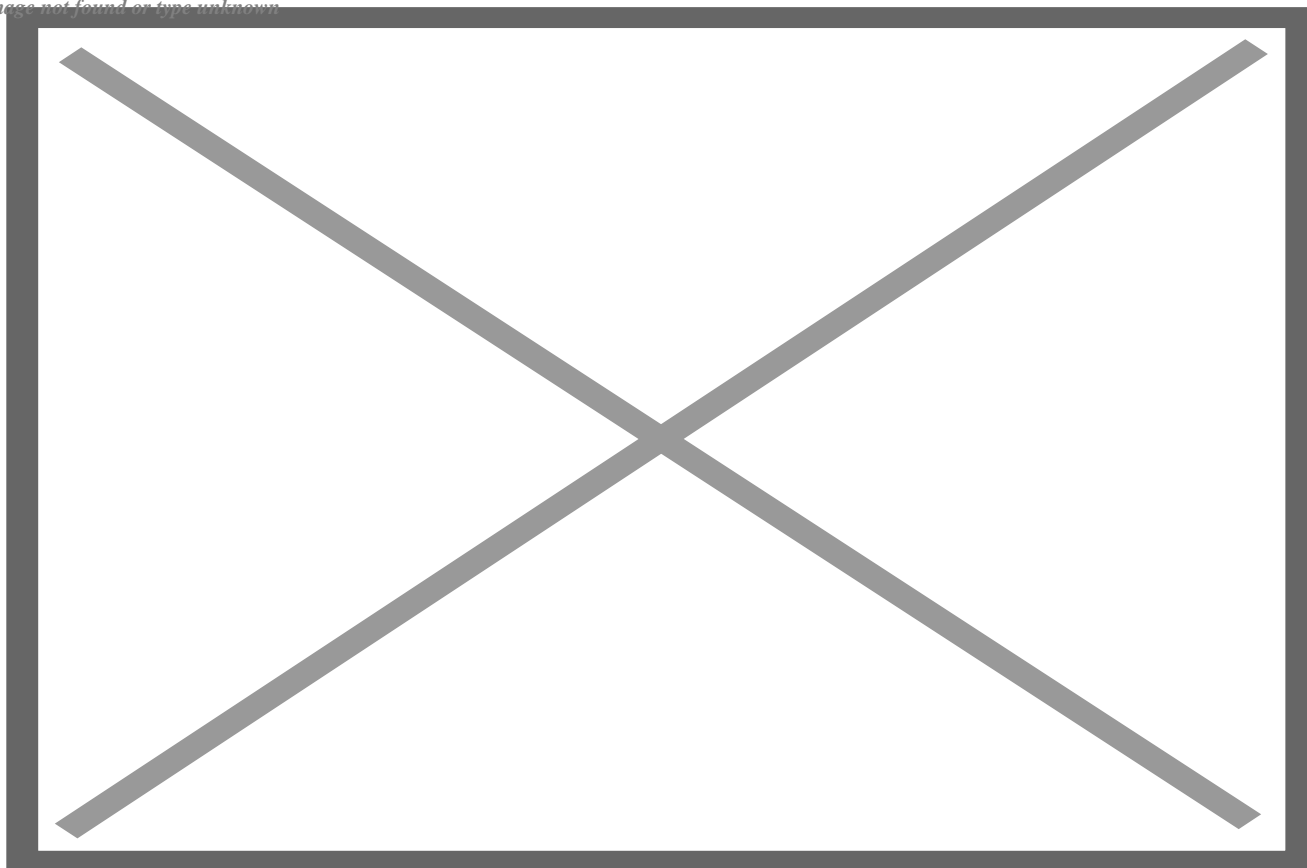


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New York, May 22 (RHC)-- The New York Times reports a dozen asylum seekers from the Horn of Africa who arrived on the Greek island of Lesbos last month were rounded up and abandoned at sea, in a clear violation of Greek and international law.

Video filmed on April 11th shows Greek authorities locking the migrants inside an unmarked van, transferring them onto a Greek Coast Guard ship and stranding them in the middle of the Aegean Sea. A

6-month-old baby was among those left adrift in an emergency inflatable raft.

The Turkish Coast Guard eventually rescued the migrants. Officials from the European Commission in Brussels said they were “concerned by the footage” and called on Greece to “fully respect obligations under the EU asylum rules and international law, including ensuring access to the asylum procedure.”

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