

34 Refugees Die as Boat Capsizes Off Greece



Athens, September 14 (RHC)--At least 28 people, among them babies and children, have drowned after a boat carrying scores of refugees capsized off Greece. The Greece's coastguard said a stricken boat carrying at least 100 refugees sank off the island of Farmakonisi in the southern Aegean Sea on early Sunday. It said 68 people were rescued and a further 29 managed to swim to a beach on the island.

Europe is facing an unprecedented refugee crisis, which has escalated over the summer as refugees are coming directly to the continent instead of staying in camps in neighboring countries.

Meanwhile, German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said on Sunday that Berlin had temporarily put in place controls along its border with Austria in a bid to reduce the number of refugees arriving in the country. "The aim of these measures is to limit the current inflows to Germany and to return to orderly procedures when people enter the country," he said, adding that this was also necessary for security reasons.

Earlier, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said about 40,000 refugees were expected to arrive at Munich's main train station over the weekend. Munich police spokesman Peter Kraus said 12,200 migrants arrived at the station of the Bavarian capital on Saturday.

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