

Annex II: Overview of five serious incidents, which are subject to FRALO’s inquiry and which are referred to in reports or posts by civil society organisations

The Consultative Forum members do not have own verified information on the six alleged incidents. To facilitate the work of the inquiry, it has, however, reviewed publicly available sources reporting incidents which occurred at the indicated dates in the relevant geographical area and compiled this in an annex. The Consultative Forum has not verified the information reported below.

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<p>██████████ ██████████ ██████████</p>	<p>Statewatch - Pushback practices and their impact on the human rights of migrants Mare Liberum - “ONCE THEY PUT US ON THE COAST GUARD SHIP, THEY SHOT OUR BOAT APPROXIMATELY 20 TIMES” - A PUSHBACK TESTIMONY: “We spoke to a person who was pushed back on October 30th 2020 on Their way to Rhodes. They could hide a phone from the authorities and document the incident. They were 5 women, 9 men, 5 children aged 2, 3, 11 and 13 in the boat. 15 were Syrian and 4 Palestinian. All of them gathered in Marmaris, Turkey on 30 October at 7 p.m. and were then taken to a boat at the shore.”</p>
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<p>██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████</p>	<p>Watch the med - Alarmphone – Aegean Regional Analysis: “On April 29, a boat with the Greek flag and officers on board, launched a smaller vessel with 6 masked men. They attacked the travellers’ boat, took away their petrol, broke the engine, fixed a rope to the boat and pulled it back to Turkish waters. 2 more boats of the Greek Coast Guard then arrived and created big waves to push the boat back towards Turkey. Finally the boat was picked up by the Turkish Coast Guard (pushback cases section)” Push Backs: the new old Routine in the Aegean Sea: “On 29 April 2020, a boat carrying 48 refugees from Afghanistan, Congo and Iran, including 18 children, tried to reach Lesvos Island in the early hours of the day.</p>

According to witness accounts, after about 1 ½ hours of moving, the people suddenly found themselves confronted with a big grey boat with a blue-white line. The boat had reportedly a Greek flag and many officers on board. Alarm Phone was alerted to this group of people after they had been pushed back to Turkish waters. Unable to move by themselves in a boat with water leaking in, the people were desperately asking for rescue. At 12:36h CEST, we informed the Greek coastguard about the boat in distress and were told that it was in Turkish waters and a Turkish coastguard vessel was nearby”

Watch the med – [Greek coastguard pushes 48 protection seekers back to Turkey](#)

Aegean Boat Report – [FB post](#)

Just Security – [Tents at Sea: How Greek Officials Use Rescue Equipment for Illegal Deportations](#): “On May 12, EFSYN published a video of a life raft like the ones pictured above (but without the cover) being dragged by a Greek Coast Guard boat off the southeast coast of Samos. The video was originally published by the Turkish Coast Guard on April 29, at which time it announced rescuing 22 people found drifting off the coast of Aydin province, bordering the Greek island of Samos. According to Bellingcat’s recent investigation into the incident, the group of 22 migrants rescued on April 29 (pictured in the video) had, in fact, arrived on Samos the previous day, on April 28.”

Facebook post by [local journalist](#): Includes comments by local residents.

All referred incidents were also reported in reputable international media such as New York Times, The Guardian, BBC, Der Spiegel, Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Deutsche Welle, ORF, EU Observer, Le Monde and Bellingcat – to name some. This annex does not include media reports.