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Migration

The rights of migrants in the deepest point of the Mediterranean

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On Saturday, June 10, the fishing boat Adriana, an old 30 metre vessel, set off from Tobruk in Libya loaded with 750 migrants. Bound for Italy, it sank in the early hours of Wednesday, June 14 fifty miles southwest of Pylos in the Peloponnese. Only 104 men survived, and 82 bodies were recovered from the sea. All the women and children, along with many more men, sank with the boat, trapped in its holds in the deepest point of the Mediterranean, a 5,300-meter-deep trench created by the meeting of the African and Eurasian plates. The survivors were rescued by the superyacht Mayan Queen IV owned by Mexican billionaire Alberto Baillères.

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[1] See investigation by Solomon, Forensis, The Guardian and ARD: <u>"Under the unwatchful eye of the authorities' deactivated cameras: dying in</u> the darkest depths of the Mediterranean".

[2] See the "Open letter addressed to Greek and EU authorities by 300 academics": published at Tilburg University and elsewhere...

[3] See Lawyers' Initiative against the cover-up and for the investigation of the criminal liabilities of the Coast Guard.