

Serious Incident Report no. 606

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Justification 1

FSC SIR Category	2 Fundamental Rights
Subject	Allegation by HLHR of Greece sending asylum seekers back to Turkey
Type of SIR	1 Initial SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	FOA 2016 land on border surveillance / SE
Frontex SIR Coordinator	Fundamental Right Officer
Incident date/time	24/05/2017 09:00 AM
Detection date/time	08/06/2017 11:57 AM
Original source of the information	Open Source, https://www.fidh.org/en/issues/migrants-rights/turkish-journalist-imprisoned-in-turkey-after-refoulement-from-greece , https://www.fidh.org/en/issues/migrants-rights/greek-police-continues-to-illegally-hand-over-turkish-asylum-seekers
Location of the incident	Evros River , Didymoteicho
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	No
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	No
Type of resources / involvement	

Dead persons	
Injured persons	
Missing persons	

Information/allegations

An unofficial refoulement from Greece to Turkey took place along the Evros River on May 24th. This time, it concerns Turkish citizens seeking asylum in Greece, among them Text Removed - Justification 1. The incident took place in Didymoteicho. According to the reports, on 2 June at 9am, a family of six, including an infant, and three men who wished to apply for international protection in Greece because of persecution in Turkey were handed over by Greek police to a group of masked gunmen. The unprocessed return was witnessed and the Hellenic League for Human Rights (HLHR) has in its disposal the license plate numbers of the Greek police van that transferred the asylum seekers. The incident took place in Evros river by boat. The HLHR has already contacted the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and will bring the matter to the attention of Greek courts and tribunals

Measures

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Assessment

Final outcome