

Serious Incident Report no. 502

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FSC SIR Category	2 Fundamental Rights
Subject	Migrants remained at Mytilini Harbour during night hours without food and access to sanitation facility
Type of SIR	
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	Poseidon Sea 2016
Frontex SIR Coordinator	
Incident date/time	13/11/2016 10:30 PM
Detection date/time	14/11/2016 08:30 AM
Original source of the information	text removed - justification 5, text removed - justification 5
Location of the incident	Lesvos Island
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

Migrant group of 48 migrants, apprehended by text removed - justification 4 on 13.11.2016 22:30 LT were brought by transportation means of HCG to the port of Mytilini Lesvos. The reception and identification service (RIS) didn't accept the migrants transportation to Moria hotspot text removed - justification 4. The migrants remained at the Port for approximately 9 hours, from 23:00 until 08:00. According to information provided by text removed - justification 5, the migrants were not provided with food or drinks nor they had access to toilets. The migrants were accommodated in the HCG bus (touring car) being provided with blankets by HCG. On 14.11.2016 08:30 LT they arrived in Moria transported by HCG.

Measures

The incident is under the clarification and discussion with text removed - justification 2, text removed - justification 2 and text removed - justification 2 in Lesvos. It will be further raised up in text removed - justification 2 by text removed - justification 5.

During the text removed - justification 2 of 8th of March 2017 an update was given by text removed - justification 5, HP and GR Army: • When migrants are apprehended at night (2200 - 0600) in the northern part of the island they are housed in the UNHCR Camp (Northern part of the Island) to spend the night and next day before noon they are transferred to Moria Hotspot; • As regards the incidents in the southern part of the island, the migrants are transferred to Moria Hotspot (the distance is much shorter) and housed in the so called RubHall (Rubber Hall), where usually new arrived migrants wait for the registration. The RubHall (capacity max 200 persons) is located inside the hotspot, next to the registration area, where the sanitary facilities are available. Next day in the morning the process of registration is organised; • text removed - justification 4; • GR Authorities informed that they are trying to improve the conditions and find better solution for this sort of situations.

Assessment

The similar situation has been faced continuously in Chios and now it seems that the opening of hotspot even in Lesvos during the night hours has been based on the voluntary willingness of RIS. This hampers the objectives of the hotspot approach and causes humanitarian concerns for migrants waiting in an unsustainable circumstances.

Final outcome