



This monthly snapshot offers a comprehensive overview of migratory deaths and disappearances recorded by IOM's Missing Migrants Project in the MENA region. It highlights key trends and incidents to provide an understanding of the ongoing challenges faced by migrants in the MENA Region.



33,883
Total Dead and Missing Reported in MENA Region Since 2014

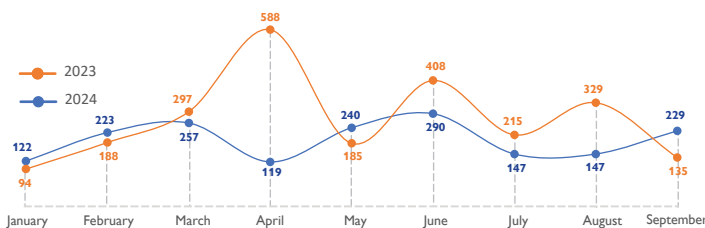


1,774
Total Dead and Missing in MENA Region From January to September 2024



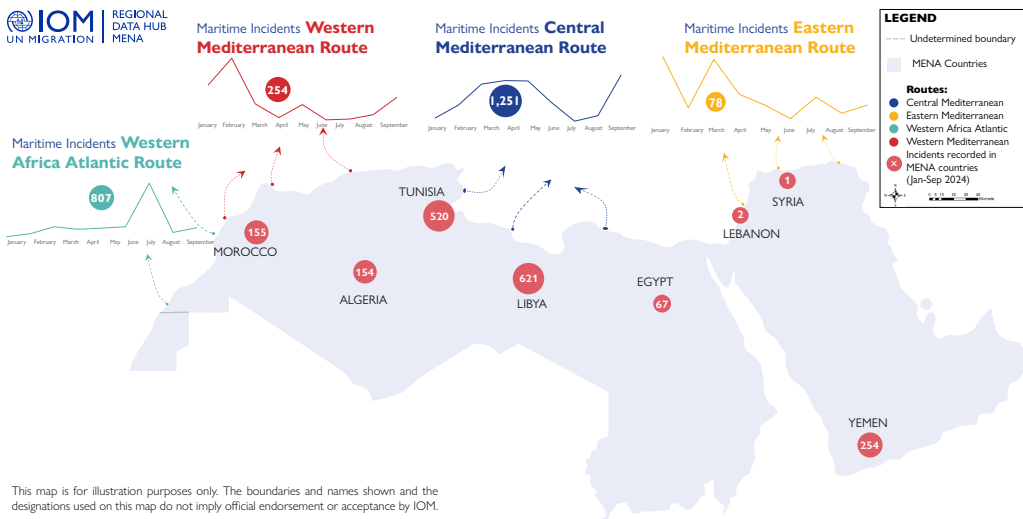
229
Total Dead and Missing in MENA Region Reported in September 2024

Deaths and Disappearances: Incidents in MENA Countries



Note: The figures presented in this graph represent minimum estimates, as many deaths during migration go unrecorded.

In September 2024, the Missing Migrants Project recorded a staggering 229 incidents of deaths and disappearances; a 69% increase from the 135 incidents reported in the same month last year. The Central Mediterranean Route (CMR) remains the most deadly accounting for 198 deaths and disappearances, which represents over 86% of all incidents reported this month. Notably, this month marked the highest number of incidents on the CMR since the beginning of 2024. The countries experiencing the highest number of recorded incidents this month are Libya with 621 incidents, Tunisia with 520, and Morocco with 155. The increasing frequency of these tragic events calls for immediate action to save lives and protect people on the move.



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Deaths and Disappearances: Cause of Death



30 September 2024

Migrant Boat Capsizes off Tunisia: 17 Dead, over 10 Missing

A boat carrying at least 57 migrants capsized off the coast of Djerba, Tunisia, resulting in a devastating loss of life. Seventeen bodies were recovered, including two women, a 9-month-old baby, and three children under the age of five. Over 10 people remain missing, while 30 survivors were rescued, with two requiring hospitalization. Most of the passengers were Tunisian nationals, predominantly from Djerba Island.

Source: IOM Tunisia

21 September 2024

Boat Capsizes Near Libya: 5 Dead, 34 Missing in Migrant Tragedy

A boat carrying 94 migrants, including women and children, capsized 5 nautical miles off the coast of Qasr al-Qarabulli, Libya. The tragedy left 55 survivors and 38 missing, with 1 confirmed death. On September 22, four more bodies washed ashore, bringing the death toll to five, while 34 individuals remain missing. The search for the missing continues as the perilous journey across the Mediterranean claims more lives.

Source: IOM Libya, AP

18 September 2024

Car Overturns in Libyan Desert: 12 Migrants Dead, 14 Injured

A car overturned on the Tamimi Desert Road, 100 km from Derna in Libya, resulting in the deaths of 12 migrants. Fourteen survivors were found, all injured, with two in critical condition. This incident underscores the dangers migrants face as they navigate perilous routes, such as those crossing the Sahara Desert, in search of safety and better opportunities.

Source: Egyptian MoFA, Egyptian Consulate in Libya

2 September 2024

Migrant Boat Capsizes off Algeria: 4 Dead, 13 Missing

Off the coast of Dellys, Boumerdes, Algeria, a boat carrying 21 migrants capsized, resulting in 4 confirmed deaths and 13 missing individuals. Four survivors were rescued by the coast guard, some suffering burns, possibly due to a fire caused by a rift among the passengers shortly after the boat set off. The incident has left the community of Timezrit in mourning, as many of the victims were Algerians.

Source: Media Sources El Watan Dz, Jaz News

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- All data on migrant deaths and disappearances used in this report are from IOM's Missing Migrants Project (MMP) database, accessed 10 October 2024. All MMP data are updated continuously, including in some cases retroactively for prior years as new data is reported.
- All data presented in this snapshot refer exclusively to deaths and disappearances occurring within the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region countries as the country of incident.
- All the figures represents the minimum estimates, as many deaths during migration go unrecorded.