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The Greek Coast Guard reported that there has been a significant increase in the distribution of students passing to the Greek islands close to Turkey in the Aegean Sea in the last three days. In the statement, it was stated that a total of 107 immigrants arrived in Samos, Mykonos and Black Island on Wednesday, and a total of 109 people were detected in Samos, Rhodes, Lesbos and Santorini on Tuesday. All immigrants, most of whom were caught by Coast Guard patrol boats, were taken to immigrant reception centers.

According to the United Nations (UN) systems, more than 14 thousand refugees reached Greece this year. In 2022, the number of arrivals in the countries reached 19 thousand.

Last June, a fishing boat going from Libya to Italy sank off the southwestern coast of Greece, causing one of the largest migrant migrations in the Mediterranean. While it was estimated that 500 to 750 people lost their lives in the accident, 104 people were rescued. The Greek company was blamed for not evacuating the ship on time and when the disaster reached such proportions, the payer was blamed.

It emerged in Europe in the early 20th century with the spread of immigration from other continents to Europe. This increase in immigration was met with resistance by many European countries. In March 2019, the European Commission declared the cyclical crisis over.

As a solution, it is important and safe to strengthen border controls to protect refugees from human trafficking and exploitation during their journey to Europe.