

LIST OF THE DEAD – JANUARY 2023

The following list was read out at the January 2024 Prayer Vigil at the Home Office for Victims of Global Migration. The Prayer Vigil is on the THIRD Monday of each month at 12.30. We meet outside 2 Marsham Street. All welcome.

The names and details of those people who have died trying to obtain sanctuary in Europe or the UK. We share them here so as to honour their lives and mourn the injustice of their deaths. Many are unknown, but as Pope Francis said, "Everyone has a name, a face and a story".

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Date	Details
1/1	One person died in a traffic accident on Egnatia Highway in Northern Greece; 3 others were injured.
2/1	8 people drowned in a shipwreck off the coast of Lybia on the way to Europe. 49 were rescued, including Abubacarr Leigh, a man from Gambia, who later died of unknown causes in the custody of the Lybian Coast Guard.
3/1	A 29-year-old Sudanese man threw himself in front of a train in Calais; he waved goodbye to a local volunteer from the tracks.
3/1	Tony Moses Oviri, a 33-year-old from Nigeria, died from suicide after 3 weeks in Lagnon reception centre in Bernex, Switzerland. He was confused and disorientated.
6/1	1 person from Morocco drowned after an inflatable boat overturned off Idi Ifni, Morocco; their body was found off Mirleft 7 days later. 24 were rescued.
6/1	A man and woman, both aged 38, and Sara, a girl one and half years old, all from Ivory Coast, drowned when a boat, 7m long, sank off Lampedusa on the way from Sfax, Tunisia. 32 rescued.
6/1	15 people from Sub-Saharan Africa drowned when a boat sank off La Laouata, Sfax, on the way to Italy. 5 bodies were found, 20 people were rescued.
7/1	Ibrahim Jaber Ahmed Dehya, a 36-year-old doctor from Yemen, died of hypothermia. He had crossed the Poland-Belarus border river as part of a group of Yemenis, after which his condition deteriorated. 3 of the group walked 5km to seek help, but when they encountered border guards were illegally forced back over the border; the guards refused to look for Dehya. A later patrol found him dead. He is buried in the Muslim cemetery in Bohoniki, and is survived by his wife and 3 children.
8/1	1 person from Morocco drowned when an inflatable boat overturned off Sidi Ifni. His body was found off Mirleft 9 days later. 24 were rescued.
9/1	An African man of about 30 was electrocuted by 25kV wires on the roof of a train in Menton Station, France, near the Italian-French border.
10/1	Oussama Ben Rebha, a Tunisian man of about 23, drowned after jumping into the icy river Brenta in Padova, Italy, to escape police; he was to be deported.
12/1	One person was found dead in the forest of Czerlonka, Poland, on the Belarusian border.
16/1	Some Tsiona Nzita, a 44-year-old Congolese man, died of Covid-19 in Ritsona Camp, Greece, due to a lack of medical facilities. For three days he asked for medical

	attention. When an ambulance was called, it took 3 hours to arrive, by which time he had died. He is survived by his wife and 16-year-old daughter
18/1	15 young people from Algeria and Morocco drowned on the way from Oran, Algeria to Spain, after 4 days at sea. No bodies were recovered.
23/1	Mamdouh Ahmad al-Mousa, a 38-year-old Syrian man, was shot dead by Turkish border guards near al-Aziziya, Syria, trying to cross the border into Turkey.
24/1	66 people, including 8 men, drowned when a crowded boat capsized off Garabulli, Lybia, on the way to Europe. 8 bodies were found, 84 were rescued.
26/1	Tawfik Ali O. A. Al-Hughibiri, a 31-year-old man from Yemen, was found dead of unknown causes in Belarus on the border with Poland.
28/1	Manaf al-Owayed, a 30-year-old man from Syria, was shot dead by Turkish border guards in Ras as-Ain, Syria trying to cross the Turkish border. He was from Deir ez-Zor, which is controlled by Turkey-backed armed opposition factions.
29/1	13 people from Sub-Saharan Africa drowned when a boat on the way to Europe sank off Louata, Tunisia. No bodies were recovered; 14 people were rescued.

List compiled by UNITED Against Refugee Deaths. Data collated from the following sources, most of which are newspapers and NGOs: AlarmPhone, ANSA, APnews, ASKA, Dawn, ENASS, Flucht, FOROYAA, Frascue, Gazzettino, GrupaGranica, GuardNatTN, HelCoastG, Hespress, InfoLibre, InfoMigrants, IOM, LaDep, LeManBleu, LRP, ME, Mediterranea, Migsol, NordLittoral, NPASyria, OKO, OpenMigratio, OpenMigration, Parisien, RAI, RefinLibya, Reuters, SolidarityMigrants, SouthAfricaToday, Swiss.ch, The News, TOKFM, TVXS, Wyborcza, YAB.