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## LAMPEDUSA: URSULA VON DER LEYEN AND GIORGIA MELONI VISIT ISLAND AFTER MIGRANT BOAT FEARS

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The European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, has visited a migrant reception centre on the Italian island of Lampedusa, after the country's prime minister called for EU help with small boat arrivals.

More than 8,000 migrants have arrived on the island over the past three days.

PM Giorgia Meloni says Italy is being placed under "unsustainable pressure".

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