
ITALY TRANSFERS 40 REJECTED ASYLUM SEEKERS TO DETENTION CENTRES IN ALBANIA

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Legal experts and rights groups have raised alarm over the move, questioning its legality and accusing Italy of undermining asylum rights.

Italy on Friday transferred 40 migrants denied the right to remain in the country to Italian-managed detention centres in Albania – seemingly the first time an EU member state relocated rejected asylum seekers to a third place that is neither their country of origin nor a transit one.

According to domestic media, the group departed from the port city of Brindisi, though authorities have yet to confirm the migrants nationalities or further details.

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