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## **GREECE PUSHES BACK 19 IRREGULAR MIGRANTS TO TÜRKİYE**

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*The Turkish Coast Guard Command intercepted boats carrying irregular migrants whose dream to reach Europe was dashed by the controversial pushback practice of neighboring Greece*

The Turkish Coast Guard Command rescued 19 irregular migrants from certain death in the Aegean Sea after their Greek counterparts reportedly pushed them back into Turkish territorial waters late Tuesday.

Irregular migrants from Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, Congo, Eritrea, Djibouti, Gambia and Ethiopia were traveling in a rubber boat toward Greece, the gateway to the EU for thousands of migrants every year. The coast guard squads patrolling the sea near Ayvacık, a western town in the province of Çanakkale, rushed to their aid after the Greeks forced them into Turkish waters.

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