

Routes Monitor Key Updates

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A global analytical platform that supports route-based analysis of mixed movements.



Shows aggregated figures and analytical reports on key routes



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New route reports

Eastern Route to Yemen and the Gulf

- [Snapshot of Refugee Displacement Dynamics: Eastern Route to Yemen and the Gulf, UNHCR, July 2026](#)

South and South-East Asia Route

- [A Route-Based Snapshot: Data & Trends for Refugees from Myanmar, as of end-June 2026, UNHCR](#)

Highlights

1. June 2026 was marked by one of the most severe maritime tragedies recorded on routes covered by the Routes Monitor in recent years. The platform recorded 650 dead or missing persons at sea during the month, largely driven by 540 people feared dead after two boats carrying refugees from Myanmar capsized off the coast of Myanmar. The incident resulted in a sharp increase in fatalities along the South and South-East Asia route, which accounted for 83 per cent of all dead or missing persons recorded across monitored routes in June. This underscores the continued protection risks associated with maritime movements despite lower overall movement volumes than in previous peak periods
2. In June 2026, Routes Monitor recorded 12,126 arrivals, 3,465 disembarkations, 15,591 departures and 650 dead or missing persons at sea. Compared with the previous month, arrivals and departures increased by 19 per cent and 14 per cent respectively, while disembarkations fell by 23 per cent.
3. The Eastern Mediterranean Route accounted for the largest share of arrivals in June (38 per cent), followed by the Central Mediterranean Route – CMR (23 per cent) and South and South-East Asia (22 per cent). At the same time, the Central Mediterranean Route remained the main route for departures and disembarkations. In June 2026, CMR accounted for 38 per cent of departures and 74 per cent of all disembarkations recorded across monitored routes.
4. Arrivals increased in June but remained lower overall in Q2 than in Q1 2026. June arrivals rose by 19 per cent compared with May, from 10,202 to 12,126. However, total arrivals across the second quarter reached approximately 29,400, compared with 49,200 in Q1, representing a 40 per cent decrease between quarters.

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