

# One Year since the Mass Killing in Pylos – Fight against States, Capital, and Borders

**A year ago, in the early hours of June 14, 2023**, another state-capitalist murder took place off **the coast of Pylos**, resulting in nearly **600 dead migrants** when the coast guard sank the fishing vessel "Andrianna" carrying them from Libya. This murder adds to **a huge list of over 28,000 dead in the Mediterranean over the past decade**.

The Pylos tragedy is a combined result of state and capitalist promotion of racism, war planning, and EU border policies. Migrants are forced to take increasingly dangerous routes facing deadly actions by the Greek Coast Guard.

Meanwhile, the state targeted **9 survivors** without evidence, using false statements, and labeling them as smugglers to cover up its murderous strategy. The media portrayal of "smugglers" creating a divide between "victim-migrants" and "exploiter-migrants" is entirely misplaced. There are no "smugglers," just state attacks and pushbacks. After nearly a year in various prisons, on May 21, 2024, the Kalamata Court of Appeals declared itself unfit to judge the case.

Migrants continue to fight against the inhumane everyday reality they face from the moment they cross the borders. From degradation and exploitation to the extermination of those deemed surplus, the Greek state, like every state, employs a repressive strategy against migrants, regardless of the government. This includes sweep operations in downtown Athens and other cities, pushbacks, and the sinking of vessels in the Aegean, with reinforcements of the fence at Evros. On April 10, the new EU migration pact, which Greece also signed, intensified attacks on migrants:

- New arrivals will stay at the EU borders for **7 days without legal rights**, where their fate will be decided.
- Annually, **only 30,000 migrants will be accepted into the EU** through quotas, with states that do not take their assigned number paying **20,000 Euros per person to host them elsewhere**.
- **In 2023, 1.3 million people sought asylum**; the directive for 30,000 hosted individuals represents only a small portion of the total, resulting in the remainder being pushed back without legal protection.
- The modified Eurodac regulation sets a preliminary procedure for rapidly examining an asylum seekers profile and collecting basic information like nationality, age, fingerprints, and facial image, including health and security checks.
- Three days after the new pact was voted, **15 states, including Greece, requested further tightening of measures**, while England had already implemented an agreement to create concentration camps in Rwanda for transporting migrants, regardless of nationality.

The murderous policy of the EU, Frontex, and NATO uproots millions worldwide: **from French colonial intervention in New Caledonia, the front in Ukraine, to the genocide in Palestine by the Israeli state.** Against state-capitalist brutality, migrants resist. Specifically, **on February 26, detained migrants in the Corinth detention center started a hunger strike protesting their detention and demanding release.** The state repeatedly threatened strikers seized their mobile phones and transferred many to other detention centers like Amygdaleza and Drama, placing some in isolation and violently suppressing internal protests. **On May 20, 58 detainees, mainly from Egypt, began a hunger strike at the Amygdaleza concentration camp, demanding release, and decent living conditions.** Simultaneously, a strike occurred by migrant workers in concentration camps at the GI Express operation, denouncing cases of invisible racist-class exploitation by large multinationals like JUMBO, ZARA, LIDL, and others. GI Express is a large packaging and unloading operation located in the Mandras area, employing migrants from camps like Ritsona and Schisto.

Solidarity with migrants involves fighting against all forms of patriotism, nationalism, racism, and militarism. We stand in solidarity with the struggles of migrants through joint struggles for a world without borders and nations, without exploitation and power.

## **Call for a gathering – demo on June 14 at 19:00 at the Propylaea**

**At the fence of Evros, at the bottom of the Aegean, the security of every European is being built**

Open Assembly of Anarchists & Comrades against the State-Capitalist Murder in Pylos

