



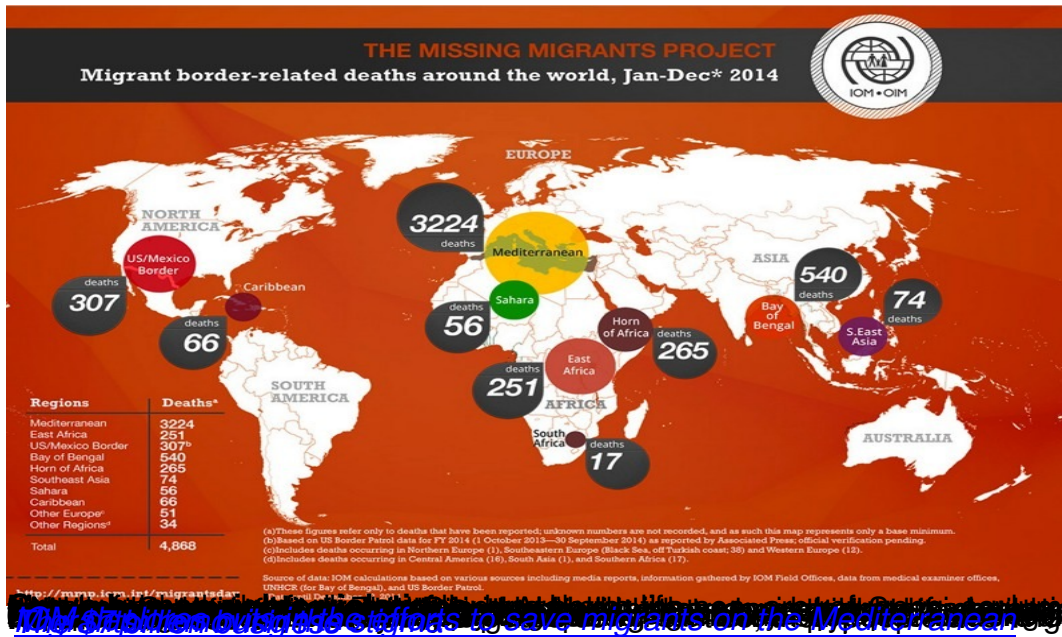
11 December 2014 – Instead of depicting migrants as 'invasive hordes', who are 'threatening our way of life', far more emphasis needs to be given to protecting rights and saving lives. That was the clear message of [UN High Commissioner for Human Rights](#) Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein at the 2014 Dialogue on Protection Challenges.

Last September, the International Organisation for Migration ([IOM](#)) released a new [report](#) , stating up to 75 per cent of migrants in 2014 are believed to have died in the Mediterranean. A sharp increase in numbers, compared to the estimated 700 deaths in 2013.

The seventh High Commissioner's [Dialogue on Protection Challenges](#) brought together State, NGO, and IGO participants, as well as academics and individual experts on the theme of 'Protection at Sea'.

"Rich countries must not become gated communities"

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[The situation outside the efforts to save migrants on the Mediterranean](#)