



Associazione  
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Antiracist Interethnic "3 Febbraio" Association

## ***Shipwreck off the Calabria coast***

# **Against borders and racism, welcoming for all!**

Sunday morning there was yet another shipwreck in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Calabria: with a stormy sea, the boat on which 250 of our brothers and sisters were travelling was shattered by the waves; many of them are dead. They had left Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan; they were above all men, but also women and dozens of children, alone or with their families. They were fleeing from places tormented by war and repression and they found their death a short distance from what they believed to be a safe land.

This tragedy could have been avoided, but the European Union and the Italian government have decided to start an actual war on immigrants - closing and militarising borders, blocking and criminalizing NGOs that save lives, amplifying racism in society. While the remaining survivors are being searched for, Meloni (the Italian Prime Minister) and Piantedosi (the Italian Minister of Internal Affairs) reaffirm their commitment "*to prevent departures*".

We denounce all States, which on the one hand fuel the many wars in the world, and on the other prevent our sisters and brothers from seeking a better life in other places.

*We invite and urge all people who care about humanity to react and take sides, fighting racism, inhumanity and the logics of war that are increasingly taking hold in a context where more and more people are becoming thick-skinned, accustomed and indifferent to conflict. Taking sides to defend life is urgent and it depends on each and every one of us.*

- **Unconditional welcoming for all**
- **For the opening of humanitarian corridors and for freedom of movement**
- **Against racism and the Meloni government**
- **Solidarity with NGOs and with those who save human lives**

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