

Serious incident report no. 11137/2020

Report date and time (UTC)	2020-04-28 20:54
Reporting person	Text Removed - Justification 1
Last modification date and time (UTC)	2020-05-07 13:15
Last modification done by	Text Removed - Justification 1
SIR Status	Closed
FSC SIR Category	3 - Incidents involving Frontex staff and participants in Frontex activities
Type of SIR	4 Final SIR
Subject	Shooting incident at Evros river
Joint operation	Flexible Operational Activities 2020 Land
JORA incident number	
Original source of information	Text Removed - Justification 2
Frontex SIR Coordinator	
Frontex resources involved	No
Incident dates (UTC)	2020-04-28 17:45
Detection date (UTC)	2020-04-28 18:00
Location of the incident	Text Removed - Justification 3
Latitude	Text Removed - Justification 3
Longitude	Text Removed - Justification 3
Reference to the operational area	Yes
Type of resources / involvement	Text Removed - Justification 4
Dead persons	0
Injured persons	0
Missing persons	0

Details

Information/Allegations	On the 28th of April at 19.45 Text Removed - Justification 4 Officer Text Removed - Justification 4 while patrolling with Text Removed - Justification 4 close to Evros river reported a shooting incident by Turkish Gendarmerie patrol that was patrolling in a close
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	<p>distance at the Turkish bank of the river. Text Removed - Justification 2. At 19:30 Text Removed - Justification 4 heard a gunshot from the opposite side of the river. It was not possible to indentify to whom, in which direction the gunshot was. Text Removed - Justification 2.</p> <p>At 19:35 hours, on the one hand, a Turkish patrol boat, with six soldiers on board, arrived at the landing stage, while, on the other hand and at the same time, other boat, with three Turkish soldiers on board was abandoning the spot.</p> <p>The oservation was confirmed by Text Removed - Justification 4 who Text Removed - Justification 2. Text Removed - Justification 4 immediately informed his superior Text Removed - Justification 2 about the incident. They all stayed in the area until the tension was de escalated. After that hey returned to the patrol car and finished their shift according to schedule.</p> <p>Text Removed - Justification 2,3.</p> <p>Nobody has been injured.</p>
Measures	Text Removed - Justification 4 Officer informed immediately the superiors about the incident and Text Removed - Justification 4 sent the info Text Removed - Justification 2,4. The patrol did not provoke Turkish Gendarmerie and stayed in the area until the tension stopped and then continued their patrol.
Assessment	Text Removed - Justification 5.
Final outcome	Text Removed - Justification 2.

Documents

Serious incident document

No.	1
Title	11137 2020 SIR - JO FOA Land 2020 Shooting incident at Evros river.msg
Name	11137 2020 SIR - JO FOA Land 2020 Shooting incident at Evros river.msg
Date	2020-04-29

Serious Incident Report no. 811

Reporting date: 02/02/2019 10:47 PM

Last modification date: 26/03/2019 03:35 PM

Reporting person: Text removed-
Justification 1

Last modification done by: Text removed-
Justification 1

FSC SIR Category	1 Standard
Subject	Rescue of eight irregular migrants in Evros river
Type of SIR	2 Formal SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	FOA 2019 Land on Border Surveillance / SE
Frontex SIR Coordinator	Text removed- Justification 1
Incident date/time	02/02/2019 10:58 AM
Detection date/time	02/02/2019 12:30 PM
Original source of the information	Text removed- Justification 2 Didymoteicho / Orestiada Police Directorate
Location of the incident	Evros river area
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	Yes
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	No
Type of resources / involvement	
Dead persons	
Injured persons	
Missing persons	4

Information/allegations

On 02.02.2019 at 10:58 hr the Regional IBM and Migration Center in Orestiada were informed by phone from the Common Contact Center in Kapitan Andreevo about a group of migrants (15) in need of help as trapped in a piece of land on Evros river area, Text removed - Justification 3.

Measures

Search and rescue team from Special Team of Police Directorate of Orestiada organized search operation for rescuing migrants. Means used: service boats - thermal imaging cameras. At about 12;30 rescue team located a group of only eight (08) migrants and started rescue operation. All migrant are in good condition and have been transferred to Text removed- Justification 2 Didymoteicho. According to survivors statement, four (04) migrants are still missing. Two service boats remained in the are in order to find them. Initial investigation has been opened Text removed- Justification 2.

Assessment

Final outcome

After several days of search operations in Evros river, no bodies were found.

Serious Incident Report no. 819

Reporting date: 18/03/2019 10:09 AM

Last modification date: 26/03/2019 03:09 PM

Reporting person: Text removed-
Justification 1

Last modification done by: Text removed-
Justification 1

FSC SIR Category	1 Standard
Subject	Dead body found in Evros Area
Type of SIR	2 Formal SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	FOA 2019 Land on Border Surveillance / SE
Frontex SIR Coordinator	Text removed- Justification 1
Incident date/time	18/03/2019 01:30 AM
Detection date/time	18/03/2019 01:30 AM
Original source of the information	Text removed- Justification 2 Ferres
Location of the incident	Text removed- Justification 3
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	Yes
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	No
Type of resources / involvement	
Dead persons	1
Injured persons	
Missing persons	

Information/allegations

On 18.03.2019 at 01.30 HP Officers, who were patrolling in the operational area of Text removed- Justification 2, detected a dead body (female), age 46, AFG national who was accompanied by her nephew, age 16, AFG national as well.

Measures

Dead body has been transferred to Alexandroupoli hospital. The autopsy has been requested by Hellenic Police in order to identify the reason of the death. Text removed- Justification 2

Assessment

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Final outcome

According to the result of the autopsy, the death was caused by pathological reason (liver problems). The nephew of the dead person has been already transported to Fylakio RIC.

Serious Incident Report no. 823

Reporting date: 26/03/2019 04:40 PM

Last modification date:

Reporting person: Text Removed -
Justification 1

Last modification done by:

FSC SIR Category	1 Standard
Subject	Dead male body found in Evros river
Type of SIR	1 Initial SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	FOA 2019 Land on Border Surveillance / SE
Frontex SIR Coordinator	Text Removed - Justification 1
Incident date/time	26/03/2019 12:00 AM
Detection date/time	26/03/2019 09:40 AM
Original source of the information	Text Removed - Justification 2 Evros
Location of the incident	Text removed - Justification 3
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	Yes
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	No
Type of resources / involvement	
Dead persons	1
Injured persons	
Missing persons	

Information/allegations

On 26-03-2019 at 09.40 HP Officers Text Removed - Justification 2, who were patrolling in the operational area Text Removed - Justification 2 detected a dead body (male), aged between 30-40 in Evros river close to the bank. No travel documents have been found.

Measures

Dead body was taken out of the river at 10.50 and has been transferred to Alexandroupolis' Hospital. The autopsy has been requested by Hellenic Police in order to identify the reason of death. The results of the autopsy will be available in the follow-up SIR.

Assessment

Final outcome

Serious Incident Report no. 825

Reporting date: 27/03/2019 04:11 PM

Last modification date:

Reporting person: Text Removed -
Justification 1

Last modification done by:

FSC SIR Category	1 Standard
Subject	Temporary Loss of TM's weapon in Evros area
Type of SIR	2 Formal SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	FOA 2019 Land on Border Surveillance / SE
Frontex SIR Coordinator	Text Removed - Justification 1
Incident date/time	26/03/2019 08:40 PM
Detection date/time	27/03/2019 09:40 AM
Original source of the information	Text Removed - Justification 4
Location of the incident	Text Removed - Justification 3
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	Yes
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	Yes
Type of resources / involvement	
Dead persons	
Injured persons	
Missing persons	

Information/allegations

On 26 March during their shift Text Removed - Justification 2 one member of Text Removed - Justification 4 Team deployed in Text Removed - Justification 2 informed Text Removed - Justification 4 and Hellenic Police Coordinator of LCC EVROS that he had lost his belt which had his service weapon during his shift. The loss took place while the officer in subject was changing his police uniform (jacket) during the shift and since at the time of the loss of the weapon it was already too dark he was not able to find it. During the morning shift the lost weapon was found by local Hellenic police border patrol in the same place it was lost.

Measures

Text Removed - Justification 2 were informed by the Text Removed - Justification 4 for the case on the next morning and Text Removed - Justification 4 informed Text Removed - Justification 4 about all the facts related to the case.

Assessment

Final outcome

Serious Incident Report no. 836

Reporting date: 21/04/2019 10:03 PM

Last modification date: 21/04/2019 10:04 PM

Reporting person: Text Removed -
Justification 1

Last modification done by: Text Removed -
Justification 1

FSC SIR Category	1 Standard
Subject	One dead body found in Evros area
Type of SIR	2 Formal SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	FOA 2019 Land on Border Surveillance / SE
Frontex SIR Coordinator	
Incident date/time	21/04/2019 07:00 AM
Detection date/time	21/04/2019 07:00 AM
Original source of the information	Hellenic Police
Location of the incident	Text Removed - Justification 3
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	No
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	No
Type of resources / involvement	
Dead persons	1
Injured persons	
Missing persons	

Information/allegations

On 21-04-2019 at 07.00 HP Officers Text Removed - Justification 2, Text Removed - Justification 2 detected a dead body (male), aged between 30-40 in Evros river close to the bank. No travel documents have been found.

Measures

Dead body was taken out of the river at 09.30 and has been transferred to Alexandroupolis' Hospital. The autopsy has been requested by Hellenic Police in order to identify the reason of death. The results of the autopsy will be available in the follow-up SIR.

Assessment

Final outcome

Serious Incident Report no. 845

Reporting date: 16/05/2019 11:02 AM **Last modification date:** 19/07/2019 09:49 AM
Reporting person: Text removed- Justification 1 **Last modification done by:** Text removed- Justification 1

FSC SIR Category	1 Standard
Subject	Dead body found in Evros area
Type of SIR	1 Initial SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	FOA 2019 Land on Border Surveillance / SE
Frontex SIR Coordinator	Text removed- Justification 1
Incident date/time	15/05/2019 05:00 PM
Detection date/time	15/05/2019 05:00 PM
Original source of the information	Hellenic Police - Text removed- Justification 2
Location of the incident	Evros River Text removed- Justification 3
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	Yes
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	No
Type of resources / involvement	No Frontex HR/TE involved
Dead persons	1
Injured persons	0
Missing persons	0

Information/allegations

On 15.05.2019 at 17.00 Hellenic Police Officers of Text removed- Justification 2 Ferres, during standar patrolling of the area of Evros River Text removed- Justification 3, have detected a dead body. According with first information available, dead body belong to a man apparently young (age between 25 and 35 years old) . No travel document have been found with him.

Measures

Dead body was taken out of the river at 18.30 and has been transferred to Alexandroupolis Hospital. The autopsy has been requested by Hellenic Police in order to identify the reason of the death. Text removed- Justification 2.

Assessment

Final outcome

Final result of autopsy from Hospital of Alexandroupolis, as reported by Hellenic Police: death caused by drowning.

Serious Incident Report no. 858

Reporting date: 22/07/2019 01:38 PM

Last modification date:

Reporting person: Text Removed -
Justification 1

Last modification done by:

FSC SIR Category	1 Standard
Subject	Car accident in Evros - with 3 injured migrants
Type of SIR	1 Initial SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	FOA 2019 Land on Border Surveillance / SE
Frontex SIR Coordinator	Text Removed - Justification 1
Incident date/time	22/07/2019 11:00 AM
Detection date/time	22/07/2019 11:00 AM
Original source of the information	LCC Evros
Location of the incident	Text removed- Justification 3
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	Yes
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	No
Type of resources / involvement	
Dead persons	
Injured persons	
Missing persons	

Information/allegations

On 22-07-2019 at 11:00hrs Text Removed - Justification 4, during their patrol, detected one vehicle which probably could be used by facilitators. At the same time, the driver of that vehicle realized that he was going to be identified by HP and started to speed up. The driver crashed the car because of the high speed and overturned. Text Removed - Justification 4 helped the driver and all passengers (9 persons) who were travelling inside to abandon the car. Three of these persons have been transferred to AXD hospital for precautionary reasons. The rest stay safe and sound and they have been transferred to Text Removed - Justification 2 Tychero Police Station.

Measures

Preliminary investigation for the car accident conducted by Tychero Police Station and for the smuggling of humans is still ongoing Text Removed - Justification 2.

Assessment**Final outcome**

Serious Incident Report no. 888

Reporting date: 19/10/2019 07:36 PM

Last modification date:

Reporting person: Text Removed -
Justification 1

Last modification done by:

FSC SIR Category	1 Standard
Subject	Greece: Car accident with 13 irregular migrants in Evros region
Type of SIR	1 Initial SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	FOA 2019 Land on Border Surveillance / SE
Frontex SIR Coordinator	
Incident date/time	19/10/2019 07:30 AM
Detection date/time	19/10/2019 07:30 AM
Original source of the information	Text Removed - Justification 2 Soufli
Location of the incident	Text removed- Justification 3, Evros region
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	Yes
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	No
Type of resources / involvement	
Dead persons	
Injured persons	13
Missing persons	

Information/allegations

On 19.10.2019 at 07:30hrs Text Removed - Justification 4, during their patrol, detected one vehicle that had overturned, due to its high speed, in the Rural Road close to Text removed- Justification 3. At that time thirteen (13) persons (13 AFG) on board have been reported by Text Removed - Justification 4 on spot and the driver - facilitator was escaped. All of the irregular migrants were transported to Didymoteicho Hospital in order to receive the proper medical treatment, they are still hospitalized and there is no risk for their lives.

Measures

Assessment

Preliminary investigation for the car accident and for the smuggling of humans conducted by B.C.U. Soufli is still ongoing.

Final outcome

Serious Incident Report no. 890

Reporting date: 23/10/2019 09:59 AM

Last modification date: 02/05/2020 05:47 AM

Reporting person: Text Removed -
Justification 1

Last modification done by: Text Removed -
Justification 1

FSC SIR Category	
Subject	SAR operation in KOS Island after collision
Type of SIR	1 Initial SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	Poseidon Sea 2019
Frontex SIR Coordinator	
Incident date/time	23/10/2019 05:00 AM
Detection date/time	23/10/2019 05:00 AM
Original source of the information	ICC Piraeus
Location of the incident	Kos Island
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	No
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	Yes
Type of resources / involvement	Text Removed - Justification 2, 6
Dead persons	1
Injured persons	
Missing persons	1

Serious Incident Report related to Search and Rescue action

SAR activated date/time	23/10/2019 05:00 AM
SAR activated by whom	JRCC
Boat in distress	
Type	rubber
Flag, name, IMO if available	
Detected by	
Detection done by Frontex co-financed asset	No
Intercepted by	
Interception done by Frontex co-financed asset	No
Estimated people on board	34
Planned port of disembarkation	kos
Departure country	Turkey
Involved authorities	HCG

Information/allegations

At 09:30 the Text Removed - Justification 2 informed FX Text Removed - Justification 2 about an ongoing SAR operation at Kos. At 05:00 a rubber boat with 34 migrants on board capsized throwing all passengers into the water after a collision with a HCG patrol vessel. 32 migrants have been rescued, one SYR man 26 yo is missing and one child 3 yo was found dead.

Measures

JRCC is coordinating the SAR operation with HCG aerial and naval assets and Frontex assets:
Text Removed - Justification 6

Assessment

Final outcome

No further information provided.

Serious Incident Report no. 898

Reporting date: 16/11/2019 12:23 PM

Last modification date: 16/11/2019 12:39 PM

Reporting person: Text Removed -
Justification 1

Last modification done by: Text Removed -
Justification 1

FSC SIR Category	1 Standard
Subject	One (01) migrant killed by train in Evros region
Type of SIR	1 Initial SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	FOA 2019 Land on Border Surveillance / SE
Frontex SIR Coordinator	LCC Evros
Incident date/time	16/11/2019 10:05 AM
Detection date/time	16/11/2019 10:05 AM
Original source of the information	Police Station of Soufli
Location of the incident	Text Removed - Justification 3
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	Yes
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	No
Type of resources / involvement	
Dead persons	1
Injured persons	
Missing persons	

Information/allegations

On 16.11.2019 at 10.05 one (01) irregular migrant (male) was hit and killed by a train travelling from Alexandroupolis to Ormenio. The driver of the train stopped immediately and informed Hellenic Police when he realized the incident. It is estimated after the investigation that the person was probably sleeping on the rail and was killed immediately. No documents were found close in the area.

Measures

The corpse of the dead person has been transported to Alexandroupolis' Hospital. Forensic surgeon of Alexandroupolis' Hospital was requested to conduct the autopsy.

Assessment**Final outcome**

Serious Incident Report no. 909

Reporting date: 07/12/2019 03:07 PM

Last modification date: 07/12/2019 03:46 PM

Reporting person: Text Removed -
Justification 1

Last modification done by: Text Removed -
Justification 1

FSC SIR Category	1 Standard
Subject	Dead body found in Evros area
Type of SIR	2 Formal SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	
Frontex SIR Coordinator	
Incident date/time	28/11/2019 12:00 AM
Detection date/time	28/12/2019 01:10 PM
Original source of the information	LCC Evros
Location of the incident	Text Removed - Justification 3
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	No
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	No
Type of resources / involvement	
Dead persons	
Injured persons	
Missing persons	

Information/allegations

On 28-11-2019 at 13:10 Hellenic Army soldiers during their patrol, found one (1) dead body (impossible to identify gender) in the rural area of Petrades (Text Removed - Justification 3). The dead body was possibly a migrant.

Measures

The dead body has been transferred to Alexandroupolis' Hospital. The necropsy - necrotomy has been requested by Hellenic Police in order to identify the reason of death. The results of the necropsy - necrotomy will be available in a follow-up SIR, if it is necessary. Preliminary investigation is still ongoing by the Security Department of Orestiada.

Assessment

Final outcome

Disclaimers of Non-disclosure

1	Personal Data	<p>Names and/or contact details</p> <p>The non-disclosed text contains personal data, in particular, the name of an individual. Its disclosure would affect the privacy and integrity of the individual and is therefore precluded pursuant to the exception laid down in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.¹</p>
2	Reporting	<p>The non-disclosed text contains detailed information related to reporting tools and methods used by law enforcement officials. The text contains references to the methods applied by law enforcement officers to perform border control tasks in general and to counter illegal activities in particular. Its publicity would expose the working methods applied during border control activities which would jeopardize the implementation of ongoing and future operations, and thus facilitate irregular migration, trafficking in human beings and terrorism. Therefore, public security will be affected. Consequentially, the text is not disclosed pursuant to the exception laid down in of Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.</p>
3	Operational Area of Joint Operation	<p>The non-disclosed parts contain information regarding the operational area. As ongoing operations tend to cover similar operational areas as the operations conducted in preceding years, disclosing the coordinates of previous operational areas would be tantamount to disclosing the current operational areas. As a result, the course of the ongoing operations would be hampered by depriving officials of any strategy and element of surprise which could be exercised during border surveillance, ultimately defeating their purpose to counter and prevent cross-border criminality and to prevent unauthorized border crossings. In this light, the disclosure of such information would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security in the sense of Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.²</p>
4	Number and profile of Human Resources	<p>The non-disclosed parts contain information regarding the number and profiles of human resources deployed in the operational area. Disclosing such information would be tantamount to disclosing the weaknesses and strengths of operations and exposing law enforcement officials and their assets to security risks. As a result, the course of ongoing and future similar operations would be hampered, ultimately defeating their purpose to counter and prevent cross-border criminality as well as prevent unauthorized border crossings. In this light,</p>

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

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		the disclosure of such information would undermine the protection of the public interest as regard to public security within the meaning of Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001. ³
5	Sensitive operational info Intelligence information	<p>The non-disclosed text pertains to information crucial for situational awareness at the external borders of the EU which is used for development of risk analysis and, in turn, the Agency's operational decision-making. As risk analysis used by Frontex to conduct its operations is based on the information at issue, its disclosure would disturb the effectiveness of Frontex operations and jeopardise the efforts carried out by the European Union and Member States to curtail criminal activities at the external borders. Furthermore, there is a real risk that disclosing all the variables and the information therein would benefit the smuggling networks who would change their modus operandi accordingly, thus putting the life of migrants in danger.</p> <p>The disclosure of those variables is therefore refused, as it would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security as provided in Article 4(1)(a) first indent of the Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.⁴</p>
6	Number and type of technical equipment	The non-disclosed parts contain information regarding the technical equipment deployed in each operational area. Disclosing such information would be tantamount to disclosing the exact type, capabilities and weaknesses of the equipment, as well as their usual position, opening way for abuse. The result of this would only be to hamper the course of ongoing and future similar operations, ultimately obstructing their purpose to counter and prevent cross-border crime and unauthorized border crossings. In this light, the disclosure of such information would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security in the sense of Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. ⁵

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