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THE REALITIES FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE IN NORTHERN FRANCE

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Who are the people in northern France?

- 800-2000 people at any one time
- Majority single men, but many women and families with young children
- From world's top refugee producing countries: Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Sudan, Eritrea and Ethiopia
- Inhuman and degrading living conditions

Credit: Rob Pinney

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Why the UK?

- Considered a place of safety
- Family & community links
- Language
- Legal situation

Why via the Channel?

- Externalisation of UK border controls
- Heavy security on lorry crossings
- Considered easier and quicker

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How are people crossing the Channel?

- Non- to semi-professional operations
- Driver(s)
- Incentive to be intercepted
  - Quickest and easiest path to presenting an asylum claim
  - Dangers of navigating the sea
  - Taken into charge by authorities
- Once on shore, asylum procedure can begin

Credit: Human Rights Observers