



Undesirable NGOs Fund ISIS-linked Refugee Boats to EU

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Investigations by Italian authorities and others have found that NGOs funded by among others George Soros, are actively financing private ships to smuggle tens of thousands of illegal North African refugees into the EU via Southern Italy. The human trafficking is reportedly linked to ISIS smuggling networks. If confirmed by authorities, it could potentially open the NGOs to criminal charges.

Carmelo Zuccaro, the Chief Prosecutor of Catania, Sicily, has testified to a committee of the Italian Parliament in March that an official investigation into the funding of a fleet of modern refugee boats in the Mediterranean by private NGOs is warranted. He cited evidence that the human traffic



smugglers in Libya and other North African coastal states, often reportedly linked to ISIS or other criminal bands, were coordinating the traffic into Italy of tens of thousands of illegal refugees. Zuccaro reported evidence that the human traffickers either on land, or on board smaller migrant boats, call the larger NGO-financed rescue vessels directly to arrange transfer of [refugees](#). That implies a very close level of coordination between the human smuggler bands and the NGO-funded fleet of ships.

Zuccaro announced that his office is investigating what he called the "abnormal" amount of funds that allows even small agencies to hire ships. Italian authorities have so far uncovered at least ten private Non-Governmental Organizations involved, among them several NGOs financed by US hedge fund speculator George Soros' [Open Society Foundations](#).

Zuccaro also told Italian press that, "the facilitation of illegal immigration is a punishable offense regardless of the intention." He said that Italy was also investigating Islamic radicalization occurring in prisons and camps where immigrants are held, illegally or off the books. European Immigration Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos stated that some 80% of the North African migrants arriving in Italy had no legal right to [asylum](#). Many were reportedly from criminal gangs that sprang up after the 2011 US-backed bombing of Libya and killing of Gaddafi that threw the country into anarchy.

Over the course of the past year as the refugee human trafficking route through Greece has been all but closed down, the route into the EU from North Africa has shifted to southern Italy and to use of modern chartered vessels to carry the thousands of refugees to Sicily and other parts of Southern Italy. In the first two months of 2017 illegal refugee inflows from Libya into southern Italy have risen by as much as 40% over the same period a year [earlier](#).

NGO Human Trafficking

The official EU European Border and Coast Guard Agency, FRONTEX, in its 2017 Risk Analysis report, states that "the Central Mediterranean has become the main route for African migrants to the EU and it is very likely to remain so for the foreseeable future. Specifically, 89% of migrants arrived from Libya."

The FRONTEX [report](#) went on to note a dramatic shift in 2016 from 2015. Earlier the major migration flow went from Turkey into Greece and the Balkan states on to Germany and other EU states: "NGO rescue operations (into southern Italy-w.e.) rose significantly to more than 40% of all incidents. Since June 2016, a significant number of boats were intercepted or rescued by NGO vessels without any prior distress call and without official information as to the rescue location."

Frontex raised the possibility that traffickers were putting migrants out to sea in a prearranged collusion with the private NGO ships that recover them and then bring them to Italy "like taxis." What the EU agency described is a human smuggling operation, in effect, operations of international criminal organizations including ISIS, being run by ships chartered or owned by various Non-Governmental Organizations among them [Soros-financed NGOs](#).

Italian admiral Enrico Credendino, commander of the EU's anti-trafficking Operation Sophia, said the NGOs' ships come close to the Libyan shore to attract migrant boats in the dark. "At night they use large floodlights; the traffickers see them and send the dinghies (carrying migrants) towards the lights," he stated. Then they are taken aboard the larger NGO ships for the journey to Italy.

Soros NGOs working with ISIS?

If the Italian investigations into the NGO funding of the fleet of charter ships are confirmed, this would suggest that the NGOs, several of them linked to foundations or organizations financed or controlled by George Soros, are colluding illegally with human trafficker bands, in many cases bands controlled by ISIS in Libya.

A 2017 report by Quilliam, a private UK think-tank, claims that ISIS or the Islamic State (IS) is involved in the human trafficking operations into Italy. Their report states: "While some refugees



may have to pay smugglers up to \$560 for passage towards the Mediterranean coast, IS, capitalising on this route, offer free passage to those willing to join IS... To those reaching the Mediterranean coast, IS offer potential recruits up to \$1,000 to join the [organisation](#). " Not exactly humanitarian.

US human rights investigator and lawyer William Craddick has discovered that several of the NGOs chartering the human smuggling boats were linked to financial patronage of George Soros and his Open Society Foundations including [avaaz.org](#) of the Soros-funded [Moveon.org](#); Save the Children, and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) which charters a Mediterranean ship called [Aquarius](#).

International Migration Initiative

Soros' Open Society Foundations, which also has been reported to receive money from the US Government through the CIA-linked USAID, also funds something it calls the International Migration Initiative, an NGO Soros' Open Society Foundations set up in 2010. Clearly the idea behind creation of Soros' IMI was done with an eye to what would soon unfold in Europe as well as the USA refugee crises. The website of the Soros International Migration Initiative openly states that it has a "strategic corridor approach, facilitating coordinated action in countries of origin, transit, and destination." The same website identifies what it terms three strategic migration corridors: Asia/Middle East, Central America/Mexico, and Eurasia, which centers on Central Asia into [Russia](#). That almost sounds like a geopolitical grand design of someone.

In September 2016 the same George Soros announced he was "donating" \$500 million to the European and US refugee cause. He declined to say where and how the money would be used. Was part of that earmarked for financing the fleet of modern NGO ships that bring tens of thousands of refugees from Libya? A relevant question to be sure for the Italian and other [investigations](#).

In August, 2016 DCLeaks, a US website similar to Wikileaks, released 2,576 files predominately related to George Soros' Open Society Foundations. One memo by the Soros foundation dated May 10, 2016, argued that Europe's refugee crisis should be accepted as a "new normal," and that the crisis means, "new opportunities" for Soros' foundations to influence immigration policies on a global scale.

Soros and the "Merkel Plan"

The pawprints of Soros' foundations are all over the EU refugee crisis that is upending social and economic stability across Europe since August 2015 when German Chancellor Angela Merkel surprised many even in her own party by declaring in a comment since become infamous, "we can do it," followed by her decision on September 5, 2015 to accept thousands of refugees who had set out to walk from Keleti Station in Budapest to Germany, announcing that all refugees were welcome with open arms, no questions asked, no limit set. More than one million refugees, not only from Syria, flooded into Germany and other EU countries. As domestic opposition mounted against Merkel, in late 2015 Merkel went on a popular German TV talk show where she announced, "I have a plan."

Indeed she did. It was even named by its architects, "The Merkel Plan."

The plan was drawn up by a think tank with offices in Berlin, Brussels and Istanbul by the name The European Stability Initiative (ESI). Under that Merkel Plan, in addition to the over 1 million refugees of 2015, in 2016 Germany should, "agree to grant asylum to 500,000 Syrian refugees registered in Turkey over the coming [12 months](#)."

The Merkel Plan for accepting hundreds of thousands of refugees without question into Germany and other EU states with no number limit, "the new normal," the term used by Soros' International Migration Initiative website, was a product of the Soros networks as well. The author of the Merkel Plan and head of the ESI is an Austrian sociologist, Gerald Knaus. Knaus is a member of the George Soros-financed European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), and an Soros' [Open Society Fellow](#). Knaus' European Stability Initiative was financed, according to the German Die Zeit, by among others the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Washington-based German Marshall Fund, as well as Soros' Open Society Foundations.



Rome on brink of War

The recent explosion of illegal refugees into Southern Italy, aided by a fleet of ships chartered by NGOs linked to Soros and others, is no innocent humanitarian good samaritan deed. In December 2016 Virginia Raggi, the Mayor of Rome, said that the city was on the verge of a "war" between migrants and poor Italians. In southern Italy, the Sicilian Cosa Nostra had declared a "war on migrants" in 2016 amid reports that the Italian mafia had begun fighting with North African crime gangs who entered the EU among migrant [populations](#).

The allegations of Soros NGO financing of a fleet of boats to illegally smuggle refugees or other migrants from North Africa into the EU suggested at the very least that the Washington-tied Soros networks were doing more than charity. It suggested that his NGOs were at least indirectly complicit in projects that were destroying the social stability of the EU much as Soros' NGOs did in Ukraine in 2014 and before.

The impression is difficult to avoid that the entire current mass refugee phenomenon, together with the NATO wars that trigger them in places like Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, is part of a far larger and far more sinister design and that the money of George Soros, the character behind virtually every US State Department and CIA-backed Color Revolution since the 2000 toppling of Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade, is right in the middle of it.

Little wonder that the foundations and operations of "philanthropist" Soros are increasingly under attack around the world, including in Viktor Orban's Hungary, Soros' country of [birth](#).