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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Italy resumes the transfer of migrants/asylum seekers to Albania/Gjadër reception centre</li></ul>

**Italy resumes the transfer of migrants/asylum seekers to Albania/Gjadër reception centre.** The Italian government has commenced implementation of the decree adopted on March 28, 2025, which expands the functions of the migrant reception centre in Gjadër. Under this decree, the facility will now operate as a detention centre for migrants and asylum seekers who do not qualify for asylum in Italy. In accordance with this new policy, two vessels carrying a total of 40 migrants arrived at the port of Shëngjin in Albania. These individuals will be temporarily housed at the Gjadër facility as part of the Albania–Italy migration agreement. Authorities have indicated that the number of arrivals is expected to increase in the near future. While initial transfers are maritime-based, future operations are anticipated to involve air travel. According to the revised provisions, the maximum detention period at the Gjadër facility has been extended to up to 18 months. Italian Interior Minister, speaking to the Italian media, stated that the updated policy has significantly reduced migrant inflows into Italy and praised the Albanian centres as an effective model for managing irregular migration. Following a temporary suspension, operations at the Shëngjin and Gjadër reception centres have resumed. Although the original purpose of the Gjadër facility was to host migrants rescued at sea—primarily from designated “safe” countries—for up to 28 days pending expedited border procedures, recent changes now allow for the prolonged detention of individuals awaiting repatriation.

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**Incident at Gjadër Migrant Camp: Tensions Rise After Recent Transfer from Italy.** Forty migrants with return orders were transferred from return centres in Italy to the Gjadër detention facility in Albania aboard a military vessel. The group includes nationals from Tunisia, Pakistan, Egypt, Bangladesh, Algeria, Moldova, and Georgia, who are expected to remain in Gjadër until Italy repatriates them. Following their arrival, violence erupted at the camp, with approximately half of the inmates vandalizing rooms and damaging infrastructure. Reports indicate that three individuals inflicted knife wounds on themselves during the protest. Media speculation suggests that many inmates may have serious criminal backgrounds, including convictions for murder, sexual violence, and drug offenses. This incident has raised concerns regarding the safety and management of the facility as well as the profiles of the migrants awaiting repatriation. The violent altercation occurred on April 15, four days after the migrants arrived aboard the vessel *Libra*. Italian authorities reported that around 20 migrants vandalized the facility, resulting in minor injuries to three individuals. In response, Italian officials isolated those involved and placed them under surveillance, while Albanian authorities were informed but did not intervene directly, given the agreement classifying the incident as occurring under Italian jurisdiction. The Gjadër camp, established under an agreement between Italy and Albania, is primarily managed by Italian authorities, housing migrants who have been denied asylum in Italy.

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