



## Monthly report of observations of evictions by Human Rights Observers in Calais, Pas-de-Calais – February 2020

Since 2017, the aim of the Human Rights Observers project has been to observe and document the daily human rights violations faced by displaced people at the French-British border<sup>1</sup>.

### Data collected during daily evictions of informal living sites



107 evictions of informal living sites



109 tents seized



92 sleeping bags/blankets seized



16 bags/suitcases seized



8 mattresses seized



37 arrests



15 – number of times wood was seized



13 items of clothing seized



5 x cooking utensils seized



13 unaccompanied minors present

The political strategy of avoiding ‘fixation points’ has led to daily evictions in Calais, which take place between 8am-11am. This involves displaced people being forced to move their tents and belongings, anywhere between two meters to 500 meters. Personal belongings and basic necessities are often seized and/or destroyed. These operations of harassment are also accompanied by often abusive identity checks (*Cour de cassation, 25 avril 1985, n° de pourvoi 84-92916*), followed by arbitrary arrests and illegal stays in administrative detention.

### Harassment of Human Rights Defenders



8 times we were filmed by technical and forensic police



2 intimidation attempts<sup>2</sup>



2 fines



12 requests to leave and move away from the perimeter of operation

<sup>1</sup>This data is based on our observations, and therefore not exhaustive.

<sup>2</sup> This involves identity and vehicle checks during our work