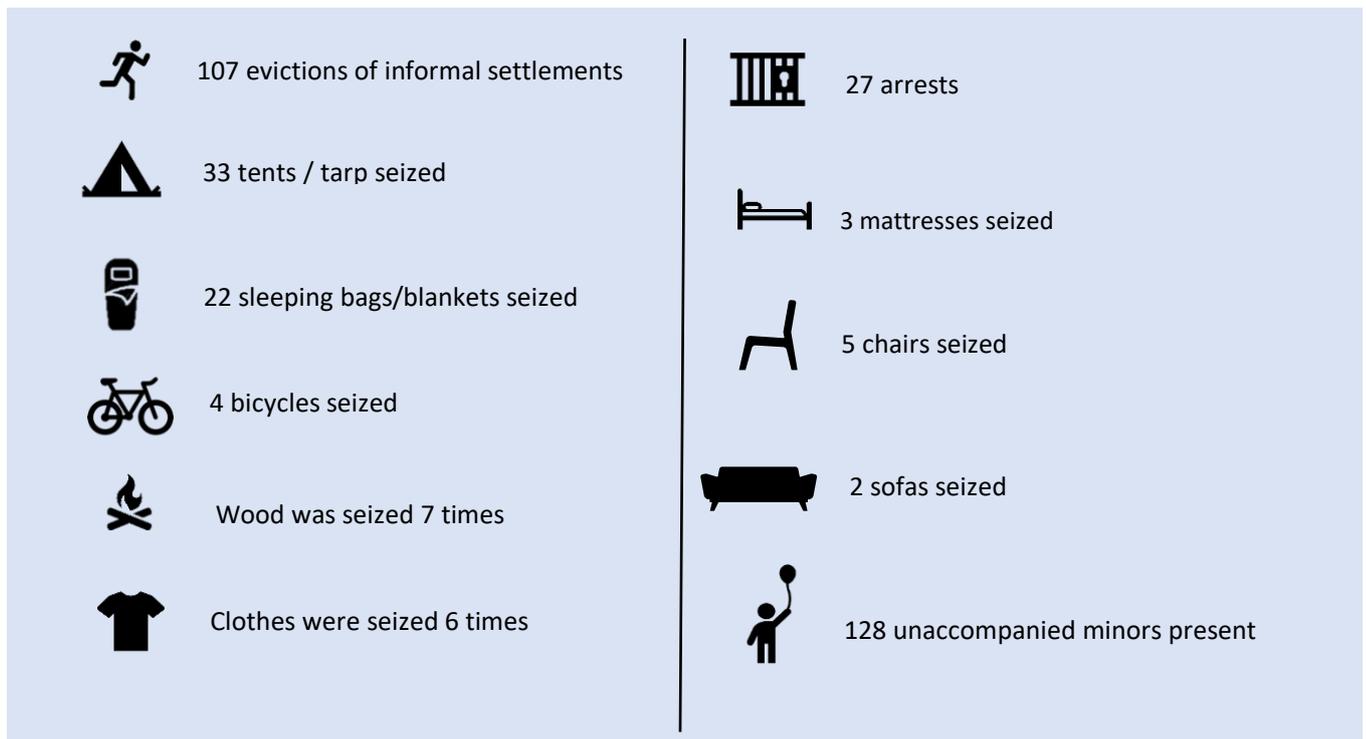




Monthly Report of observations of evictions by the Human Rights Observers in Calais, Pas-de-Calais – June 2020

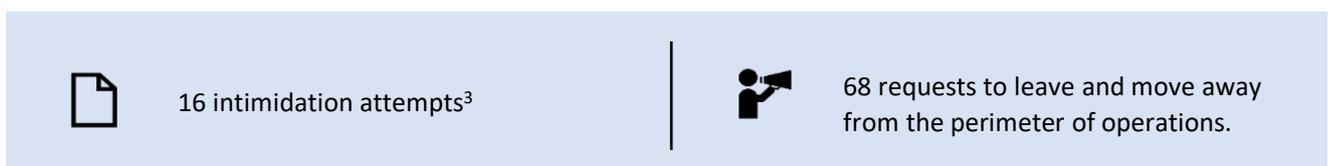
Since 2017, the aim of the Human Rights Observers project has been to observe and document the daily human rights violations of displaced people at the French-British border¹.

Data collected during daily evictions of informal living sites



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



¹This data is based on our observations, and is therefore not exhaustive.

²Number of UAM met by associations in June while they were living on the street. The various eviction operations are sources of increased fragility and even disappearance for children and adolescents, girls and boys, and therefore increased risk of trafficking and exploitation. Marauding is restricted and, as a result, the associations estimate the number of children living on the street to be higher than the above-mentioned figure.

³ These intimidations took several forms: observers were filmed/photographed with the personal and/or professional telephones of law enforcement 13 times ; an observer was threatened with arrest ; a gendarme sucked a banana while staring at an observer ; a work car was fined for an ‘illegible license plate’.