



## Monthly Report of observations of evictions by the Human Rights Observers in Grande-Synthe, Nord – August 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 border<sup>1</sup>.

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



The political strategy of avoiding “fixation points” has led to increasingly frequent evictions in Grande-Synthe, with evictions sometimes taking place several consecutive days. All shelters, along with personal belongings and basic necessities are seized and 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.

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

<sup>2</sup> The number of reports made to authorities is below the actual number of unaccompanied children present and in danger in Grande-Synthe during August. On this territory, contrary to Calais, no association that is not mandated by the State has any specific activity targeting UACs or is able to carry out this precise identification work. One observation remains: repeated evictions are a source of increased fragility and even disappearance of these children, both girls and boys, and therefore of increased risks of trafficking and exploitation

<sup>3</sup> A testimony of a displaced person having their phone confiscated by police officers for filming during an eviction

