

Since 2017, HRO's mission has been to observe, document and denounce the daily state violence perpetrated against people on the move at the Franco-British border.* Due to recurring hindrances to our observation work, the following figures should be taken as an extreme minimum.

Numbers concerning evictions from informal living sites:



HRO did not record any eviction in December

Presence of the HRO team in December

In December, the HRO team continued to be present by doing security checks. It means that in the morning we go around the living sites and monitor potential departure of the police, which might proceed to an eviction. **No evictions were recorded in December** in Dunkirk.

However, **a strong police presence was observed around the living sites**, with vans from the Border Police and National Police conducting surveillance, carrying out intimidation, and arresting individuals.

On December 14, a shooting caused the death of 2 displaced people near a living site

A shooting occurred on December 14 near the living site of Loon Plage. Two Kurdish people as well as two security agents working at the port nearby and a person living a city nearby were killed. **Media coverage of this event was inconsistent.** Several media didn't report the displaced victims the same way as the French victims. Furthermore, they also failed to mention the potential racist motives behind this act. **No psychological support or shelter were provided** for the people who witnessed the crime.

Installation of barbed wire in December

Throughout December, **barbed wires were installed above the fences along the railway tracks, close to living sites.** In 2024, kilometers of barriers were erected, almost enclosing the entire areas where people live (or rather survive). These barriers contribute to making spaces more hostile for people on the move, like open-air cages. They contribute to hinder, extend, and make their movements even more dangerous.



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