

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 :



At least **1 evictions of 1 living site**



At least **3 people arrested**



At least **50 people evicted**



Buses taking people to centres far from the border

Acts of intimidation and/or violence suffered by exiles and recorded by HRO :

- **The 20th of February**, an eviction operation took place in Dunkirk. According to observers from another association, **at least 3 people** were arrested during this eviction.
- At least **50 people** were evicted during this operation alone.
- The police were accompanied by a cleaning team who, using a **digger, seized and destroyed people's belongings** in their living sites.
- Another outside observer was able to document that a bus left the accommodation during the operation. **These buses are destined for the Centre d'Accueil et d'Evaluation des Situations (CAES), often a long way from the Dunkirk area, and their purpose is to move exiles away from the border.**
- At the end of the expulsion, a small police convoy, accompanied by the Brigade de Répression du Banditisme (BRB), arrived at the distribution site. They **filmed the people present, the facilities and the members of the associations present.** This kind of behaviour **intimidates** the people on site.

Intimidation and/or obstruction suffered and recorded by HRO and other associations

- During the eviction operation, the HRO team had its identity checked as it arrived at the evicted site. These **identity checks** serve to **intimidate** members of associations and **discourage** observations.
- At the same time, the CRS carrying out the check **turned on his pedestrian camera to film HRO.** When HRO pointed out that he had to warn people when his camera was switched on, the CRS replied that he knew the law, and that he did not have to warn people when he switched on his camera. However, according to **article L.241-1 of the French Internal Security Code**, "*The persons filmed must be informed when the recording is turned on [...]*". Filming HRO is **common practice for the forces of law** and order, even though the situation does not require such image capture.
- In addition, the perimeter set up was so extensive that the HRO team **was prevented from documenting the number of seizures and other incidents during the operation.** These "security perimeters", which are often set up when associations arrive, actually serve to **hinder observation and documentation by HRO.** One CRS said: "**We can't let the associations through**".