

1) Today, the Jungle has gone, but the migrants remain – a report from Human Rights Watch, using data from local charities, estimates there are still about 2,000 migrants "in wooded areas, in and around disused warehouses, and under bridges in and around Calais", including about 300 unaccompanied children. Several hundred more are camped in a forest near Dunkirk.

The migrants waiting in these areas are at the centre of a political storm. In the UK, the home secretary's draconian nationality and borders bill, which includes plans to punish asylum seekers who cross the Channel in small boats with a jail sentence and a ban on receiving state funds, looms on the horizon. There is growing hostility to the migrants on the French side, too, with police in Calais daily evicting the threadbare camps that replaced the Jungle. Authorities have even installed large rocks and boulders at some of the regular distribution points to prevent aid vans parking. Brexit has slowed shipments of clothing and other essential items.

The Guardian, Nov 2021

2) The French interior minister has claimed the UK government has paid "not one euro" of the £54m promised under a deal to tackle migrants crossing the Channel.

Gerald Darmanin, who visited Calais to inspect efforts to tackle illegal immigration via the Channel, also suggested Britain should "reduce its economic attractiveness" to those making the journey.

Skynews, Oct 2021

3) Human Rights Watch released a new report Thursday on France's "degrading" treatment of migrants around Calais.

The 79-page document comes five years after authorities demolished the sprawling Calais migrant camp often referred to as "The Jungle". But many people are still in the area, aiming to cross the Channel and reach England.

It claims more than 1,000 people are staying in various encampments in and around the coastal town. HRW writes of repeated mass eviction operations, near-daily police harassment, and restrictions on the provision of and access to humanitarian assistance.

Euronews, Oct 2021

Vocab :

a) find a synonym for :

« stay » (text 1), « storage buildings » (1), « frontiers » (1), « prison » (1), « interdiction » (1), « large rocks » (1), « sending » (1)

b) deduce the meaning of these words from their construction :

« wooded » (text 1, §1) →

« disused » (text 1, §1) →

« unaccompanied » (text 1, §1) →

« asylum seekers » (text 1, §2) →

« state funds » (text 1, §2) →

« aid vans parking » (text 1, §2) →

« attractiveness » (text 2, §2) →

« sprawling » (text 3, §2) →

« coastal » (text 3, §3) →

« mass eviction operations » (text 3, §3) →

« harassment » (text 3, §3) →

c) spot the false friends !! Find which words correspond to these meanings :

« organizations to help people » (text 1)

« stop » (text 1)

« trip » (text 2)

« act of giving » (text 3)