

‘And still they come...’

We will continue to draw people’s attention to this existential crisis. The total number of illegal migrants crossing the Channel up to 27 March this year was 4,644, the highest figure since records began in 2018.

Since then that figure has risen even higher. At the time of writing, a total of 349 people crossed the Channel on Easter Saturday taking the total for the year up to 4,993. Further arrivals on Easter Sunday saw the figure break the 5,000 threshold in March for the first time since records began.

We are now told that flights will take off this spring irrespective of any ECHR ruling, but we have had promises and pledges on this from the Prime Minister in the past. Will this one be any different?

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Macron’s boat migrants to UK hit an all-time record high

Rishi Sunak’s pledge to “stop the boats” is already sinking this year

Facts4EU.Org reveals the true extent of the Government’s continuing failures

Yesterday the UK Home Office revealed the record numbers of illegal migrants crossing the English Channel in small boats

from France. The number in the first three months of this year (2024) has now exceeded the totals in each of the previous six years for the same period since records began in 2018.

With PM Rishi Sunak making it one of his five pledges, and with him boasting earlier this year of numbers having dropped, the latest figures make a mockery of his many statements.

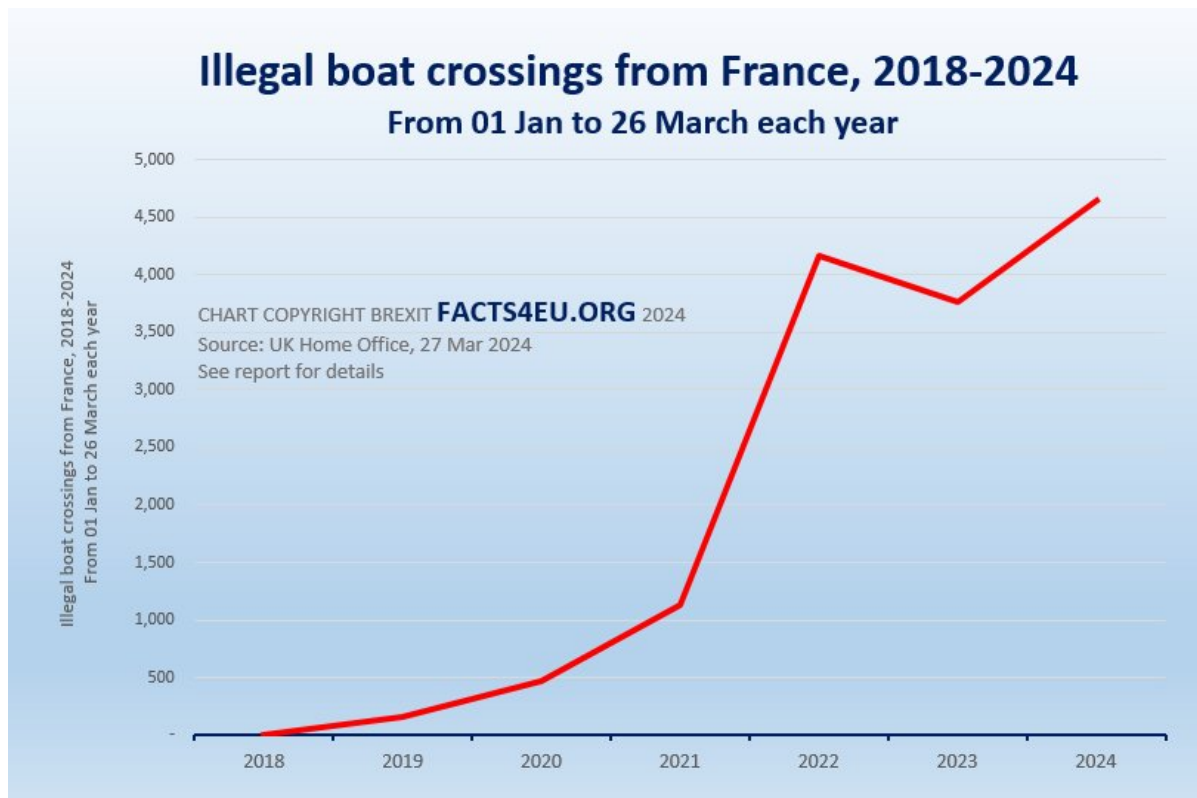
BREXIT FACTS4EU.ORG SUMMARY

Illegal boat crossings from France, 2018-2024

From 01 Jan to 26 March each year

- 2018 : 7
- 2019 : 157
- 2020 : 465
- 2021 : 1,134
- 2022 : 4,162
- 2023 : 3,770
- 2024 : 4,644

[Source: UK Home Office, 27 Mar 2024.]



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Juncker's figure was mostly for accommodation and subsistence. This did not account for the massive costs now being experienced by member states for all the extra policing and monitoring by security services. Nor did it cover the legal costs for asylum claims, or costs such as translators in schools and hospitals, etc. Recently hundreds of German mayors simply refused to take in anymore as they didn't have the resources to deal with them.

In the UK we would need to quintuple the budget for the security services, to attempt to keep tabs on a massive and growing number of suspects. This simply hasn't happened.

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