



## EXPOSED: The EU has been funding the UN to fly illegal immigrants to Rwanda for years

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**Almost £50m spent by EU  
on Rwanda migrant flights  
since 2019**

**and programme continues**



**The hypocrisy is breath-taking.**

While assorted globalists and human rights lawyers have roundly condemned the British government for its plan to fly illegal migrants to Rwanda, it transpires that the EU itself has been carrying out the very same policy for the last five years.

**Campaign for an Independent Britain - CIBUK** (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the oldest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – and its affiliate **Facts4EU.Org** – exposes the hypocrisy of the EU's position on Rwanda with details of a similar scheme which it has been undertaking since 2017.

**EU-funded United Nations flights to Niger began in 2017 and then to Rwanda from 2019. This programme has now been extended until 2023.**

### **How the EU has funded the UNHCR transfer of migrants in Africa**

- Over 5,000 migrants have been flown by the UN, using EU funds, to Rwanda and Niger
- So far, 3,889 to Niger and 1,279 to Rwanda
- **So far the United Kingdom hasn't been able to send a single illegal migrant to Rwanda, thanks to the ECHR**
- The majority of migrants (67%) were from Niger, Egypt, Sudan and Chad
- The EU part-funded this using its 'Emergency Trust Fund for Africa'
- EU funding so far amounts to €55.3m (approx £48m)
- The latest EU extension covers the period up until the end of next year (2023)

Commenting, CIBUK's Communications Director Ben Philips said:

*"The scale of the EU operation dwarfs anything the United Kingdom has yet done which makes their widespread condemnation of the British government even more reprehensible.*

*If these attacks continue, the UK government should simply quote the EU Commissioner's own words back at them" :*

*"This project will support efforts of the Government of Rwanda to receive and provide protection to about 1,500 refugees and asylum-seekers who are currently being held in detention centres in Libya. Such a remarkable and powerful proof of African solidarity should be further encouraged, replicated and supported."*



*- Neven Mimica, EU Commissioner for International Development and Cooperation, speaking on 19 November 2019.*

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