

# TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE

## *6 months since the Pylos shipwreck*

“All we care about is that the world knows what happened.”

Walid\*, a young Egyptian shipwreck survivor

14 December 2023 – 16.00 - 21.00

Romantso, Athens (Anaxagora 3, Athina 105 52, Greece)

### BACKGROUND

On 14 June, a boat with approximately 750 refugees and migrants on board [sank off the coast of Pylos, Greece](#). With only 104 survivors, the shipwreck has become one of the deadliest tragedies in the Mediterranean Sea in recent history.

In July, a delegation from Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch visited Greece to conduct research into the circumstances of the tragedy. As part of the research, the organizations spoke to survivors, relatives of the missing, NGOs, international agencies and authorities. After the visit, a joint press release was published calling for an effective, independent, and impartial investigation into the incident.

To mark 6-months since the shipwreck, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch will host an event titled ‘Together for Justice – *6 months since the Pylos shipwreck*’ to present the findings of joint research into the actions and omissions that contributed to the tragedy and highlight concerns regarding the current judicial investigations into the shipwreck. Legal organizations, investigative journalists and representative from the affected communities will discuss the lack of accountability for the Greek authorities’ role in rights violations at borders and their growing tendency to assign heavy responsibilities to migrants and refugees as part of wider deterrence policies. ‘Together for Justice – *6 months since the Pylos shipwreck*’ also aims to be a platform for migrants and refugees impacted by the tragedy to reclaim the narrative to share in their own words the impact that the Pylos shipwreck has had on their lives and what changes need to happen so that the rights of those who died and are unaccounted for are respected.

*Note: simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Arabic, English and Greek.*

### THE PROGRAM

<b>4.30 - 7.00 PM</b>	<b>TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE</b> <b>6 months since the Pylos shipwreck</b>
<b>4.30 - 4.40 PM</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> <i>Christos Dimopoulos, Director of Amnesty International Greece</i> Introduction and presentation of the program
<b>4.40 - 5.40 PM</b>	<b>FIRST PART</b>
<b>4.40 – 5.10 pm</b>	<b>Presentation of Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch joint investigation and findings</b> <i>Adriana Tidona (Amnesty International)</i> <i>Judith Sunderland (Human Rights Watch)</i>
<b>5.10 – 5.40 pm</b>	<b>Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch in conversation with Nayef Sayasna (remote participation)</b>

	Nayef Sayasna, a survivor of the shipwreck, shares his perspective, demands for truth and calls for justice, in conversation with Adriana Tidona and Judith Sunderland.
<b>5.40 - 5.50 pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>5.50 - 7.00 PM</b>	<b>SECOND PART</b> Moderation: Iliana Papangeli, Director of Solomon
<b>5.50 - 6.00 pm</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> <i>Iliana Papangeli, Director of Solomon</i> Short overview of the actors involved in the response to the shipwreck
<b>6.00 - 7.00 pm</b>	<b>Panel discussion + Q&amp;A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Maria Papamina, <a href="#">Greek Council for Refugees</a> / Lawyer of survivors and families of missing persons</i></li> <li>• <i>Thanasis Kampagiannis, <a href="#">Justice4Pylos</a> / Initiative of lawyers and jurists for the shipwreck of Pylos</i></li> <li>• <i>Eleni Spathana, <a href="#">Refugee Support Aegean</a> / Lawyer of shipwreck survivors</i></li> <li>• <i>Stefanos Levidis, <a href="#">Forensis</a> / Researcher in charge of the Forensis Pylos investigation</i></li> <li>• <i>Dimitris Choulis, <a href="#">Human Rights Legal Project</a> / Lawyer of the accused survivors</i></li> <li>• <i>Khalid M. Mughal, President of the <a href="#">Pakistan Journalists Club</a></i></li> <li>• <i>Ahmed Attiya, President of the Egyptian community in Athens</i></li> </ul>
<b>6.55 - 7.00 pm</b>	<b>Conclusion &amp; 2-minutes silence to remember those who lost their lives and those who are still missing.</b>

<b>7.30 - 9.00 PM</b>	<b>FOOD, DRINKS, SOLIDARITY</b>
	<a href="#">Project Armonia</a> , an NGO bringing people together across borders through food, will offer light food and refreshments during the event.
<b>7.30 - 9.00 PM</b>	<b>COMMEMORATION FOR THE VICTIMS</b>
	Participants will be able to light candles to commemorate the victims and leave messages in solidarity with survivors and families of the victims and missing persons.
The event will be filmed by <a href="#">ReFOCUS Media Labs</a> who run media labs to offer a creative platform and multi-media skill-based education to people in refugee and migrant communities in Greece.	