

Anti-Migrant Sentiment in Tunisia

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The growing anti-migrant sentiment in **Tunisia** has severely impacted **sub-Saharan** migrants.

- Anti-migrant rhetoric: Tunisia's President Kais Saied labeled sub-Saharan migrants a
 "demographic threat" in 2023, triggering a surge in racially motivated attacks and
 discrimination.
 - The **UN Refugee Agency** halted asylum applications due to government pressure, leaving migrants vulnerable.
- Tunisia:
 - Location: Northernmost country in Africa, bordering the <u>Mediterranean Sea</u>, between Algeria and Libya.
 - Capital: Tunis
 - Ethnic groups: Arab 98%, European 1%, Jewish and other 1%.
 - **Economy:** Lower middle-income, high unemployment, especially for youth and women.
 - Terrorism: Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) network in Tunisia (known locally as Ajnad al-Khilafah or the Army of the Caliphate).
 - International Relations: Member of UN, <u>Organisation of Islamic Cooperation</u>, African Union, Non-Aligned Movement and Group of 77.



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