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SANGATTE: Migrants in CALAIS

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Photo 01 -
Beach of Calais, a ferry sailing to England.



Photo 02 -
The SALAM association's premises. A bill of the film « Welcome », signed by the actors and the director, is in the foreground. The movie relates the story of a French man who helps a migrant to smuggle in England. This film puts forward the problems met by volunteers. They are often caught in legal proceedings for helping migrants.



Photo 03 -
Kitchen of the SALAM association. Thanks to donations from private individuals, companies and associations, 800 lunches are served every evening to the migrants. Volunteers are organized as teams. One team relieves the other everyday to organize, to cook and to distribute meals.



Photo 04 -
Line of migrants waiting for the distribution of the evening meal.



Photo 05 -
Jean-Pierre Leclercq, président of the SALAM association, during a meal distribution. The association distributes 800 meals every evening on the docks of Calais.



Photo 06 -

A family coming from Eritrea : the father, the mother and a five year old little boy. Eritreans usually don't like to be photographed. The father asked me to stop taking pictures of his family. He is afraid that if the photo is published, he will meet problems in his birth country.



Photo 07 -

Young Afghan during the distribution of the evening meal on the embankment near the docks of Calais.



Photo 08 -

Afghans eating near the distribution place. It only takes a few minutes for them to eat. They don't linger.



Photo 09 -

On the way back, after their meal, two young Afghans take advantage of the sunset to find a hiding spot under a truck.



Photo 10 -

« The Jungle ». Afghans have gathered there. At first, they were discreet about it, but their growing numbers have forced them to build shelters.



Photo 11 -

The inside of a hut where live five Afghans. They are all minors.



Photo 12 -

In the morning, they all start by lighting a fire. The warm water is either for bathing or for tea.



Photo 13 -

Water isn't easily found for the migrants. They need to find new supplying sources regularly and to bring it back to the camp.



Photo 14 -

Young Afghans relaxing, forgetting of their situation and acting like the children they still are by playing football.



Photo 15 -

After a night spent trying to smuggle in England, they come back around four or five am and sleep till the middle of the morning.



Photo 16 -

Migrants have stolen ranges from nearby firms. They will use them to build new huts or for the fire. Those companies' heads have lodged complaint against them. On the 21st of April, 150 migrants were arrested. They were released not long after.



Photo 17 -

The lack of sleep, food, hygiene, the French climate and the continuous fear of being arrested, have great consequences on their health. The day the picture was taken, it had been raining and the wind had been blowing all day long.



Photo 18 -

Inside a hut. The young child on the left is only ten years old. He has come from Afghanistan alone. He spent five months travelling. A group of migrants took him in at his arrival in Calais. They confided in me that the food given by the associations isn't enough due to their youth and extreme living conditions.



Photo 19 -

Because of the bad hygiene conditions, a number of them end up with scabies.



Photo 20 -

A twenty-one year old Afghan showing me a picture of him taken before his departure from his birth country. He used to be a well-groomed person. He doesn't like his actual state. I can barely recognize him from the picture. It was only taken six months ago.



Photo 21 -

During a raining day, an Afghan is washing his hair with the help of a friend.



Photo 22 -

Some of them haven't washed for a number of weeks.



Photo 23 -

Line of migrants waiting for the distribution of the evening meal on the embankment near the docks of Calais.