










Monthly report of observations of evictions by the Human Rights Observers in Grande-Synthe, Nord – June 2020

Since 2017, the aim of the Human Rights Observers project has been to observe and document the daily human rights violations of displaced people at the French-British border¹.

Data collected during evictions of informal living sites

	3 evictions from informal living sites		6 arrests
	25 tents seized		1 mobile phone seized
	33 blankets/tarps seized		Money seized 1 time
	6 minors reported to authorities ²		

The political strategy of avoiding ‘fixation points’ has led to weekly evictions in Grande-Synthe, with on average 3 to 5 evictions of displaced peoples’ living sites per week. All shelters, along with personal belongings and basic necessities are seized and destroyed by various means (with knives, chainsaws etc.). These operations of harassment are also accompanied by often abusive identity checks (*Cour de cassation, 25 avril 1985, n° de pourvoi 84-92916*), followed by arbitrary arrests and illegal stays in administrative detention.

Data collected during “sheltering operations”

During weekdays, people can go to a specified meeting point and request to be accommodated. This is done via a sheltering system provided by AFEJI (state mandated association). Our observations were limited this month. Therefore we do not have data pertaining to sheltering operations.

¹This data is based on our observations, and therefore not exhaustive.

² The number of reports made is below the actual number of UAMs present and at risk in the living sites. The actual number is estimated at around 20. Arrivals and departures are numerous and the absence of a specific maraude makes it impossible to identify UAMs precisely and provide appropriate and effective guidance.