

Explainer: How does Italy's migration deal with Albania work?

ROME, June 4 (Reuters) – Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni will visit a site in Albania on Wednesday where her government plans to build a reception camp to house thousands of migrants picked up at sea.

Looking to curb migration to Italy, Meloni signed a deal with Albania last year to send some asylum-seekers to the Balkan country and process the asylum requests there.

Here are some facts about the plan.

WHAT IS IN THE DEAL?

The accord, agreed for an initial five years, foresees disembarking 36,000 migrants a year at the Albanian port of Shengjin, about 75 km (45 miles) south of the country's capital, Tirana. Their cases will be processed at a centre being built at a nearby air base in Gjader, which can hold 3,000 people.

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