



Press statement

"Face down in the water we found you. Killed by the ignorance of a society who believes closed borders are more important than human lives. You remain nameless to us. But not to those who knew and loved you. We will remember"

Words from Dakini crew who were on scene before the coast guard arrived.

We will always remember and never stop denouncing

In the last years the state has done everything it could to obstruct the journeys of people on the move in the central Med. Part of the strategy included removing, criminalizing, and obstructing solidarity ships and their rescue efforts.

On the 15th of September, **f.Lotta** was at sea, in this border area where freedom of movement and solidarity are repressed. In less than 48 hours, we could witness:

- during our commemorative moments close to the island, a coastguard coming to port to disembarked people from a rescue
- when we were sailing south, two civil rescue boats, Dakini and Imara, performed a rescue, and Imara took the people on board
- we heard a Mayday Relay from a plane, about a case in advanced distress
- Dakini engaged with the search of another case in the evening
- we saw debris and empty boat on our route.

It is shameful that many assets of the civil fleet are currently detained and couldn't join rescue efforts: Aurora, Mediterranea, Colibri2.

Our solidarity goes to the associations, groups, individuals that support and facilitate people on the move during their dangerous journeys, whether at sea or on land. **We stand with people on the move against the border regime.**

Today we filled the sea with a different paradigm. There are alternatives to the border system, anchored in the political horizon that f.Lotta stands for: **freedom of movement for all.**