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Monthly report

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PERSONAL DATA

Countries	Italy and
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Key messages:

ITALY

- Italy's Court of Cassation rules that migrants requesting asylum can remain in Albania
- Italy transfers more migrants directly from Italy to Albania

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1. Highlights of major policy developments/migration policies

ITALY

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Italy's Court of Cassation rules that migrants requesting asylum can remain in Albania

The May ruling of the Court of Cassation equates Albanian migrant centres with Italian repatriation facilities. According to the Court ruling, asylum seekers can also be detained in migrant centres in Albania, because these facilities can be "equated for all intents and purposes" with Italian repatriation centres. The ruling reopens the issue of the agreement between Italy and Albania for repatriations and gives the government some breathing room after months of a standoff with the judiciary over the implementation of the protocol signed by Italian PM Giorgia Meloni and PM of Albania Edi Rama.

More migrant transfers from Italy to Albania

[REDACTED] The move marks the first time an EU country sent migrants to a nation outside the EU that is neither their country of origin or transit and is possible thanks to the governmental decree approved in April which expanded the use of the Albanian processing centres to include the detention of migrants with return orders in Italy.

[REDACTED] Under the decree, the facility of Gjader with the capacity of 144 places can now host irregular migrants directly transferred from Italy, joining the national network of CPRs.

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