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Start Date: 2026-07-30

Report Date: 2026-08-01

NUMERIC DETAILS (PEOPLE)

-	-	-
Injured (RC)	Injured (Government)	Injured (Other)
-	-	-
Missing (RC)	Missing (Government)	Missing (Other)
-	-	24
Dead (RC)	Dead (Government)	Dead (Other)
-	-	25,000
Displaced (RC)	Displaced (Government)	Displaced (Other)
-	-	49,000
Affected (RC)	Affected (Government)	Affected (Other)

4,500

Assisted (RC)

-

Assisted (Government)

-

Local Staff

-

Volunteers

-

Emergency Response Units

-

Delegates

DESCRIPTION

On July 30–31, 2026, the Spanish enclave of Ceuta experienced the largest mass migration breach in its history. An estimated 40,000–60,000 people crossed the border from Morocco in less than 48 hours, swimming around the Tarajal breakwater or surging through border gates. The scale and speed of the arrivals have placed significant pressure on local reception capacities and emergency response services. Reports indicate that the situation has resulted in numerous rescue operations, injuries and fatalities linked to attempted crossings.

Spain's response included deploying military units to reinforce the overwhelmed Civil Guard. By July 31, approximately 25,000–37,500 people had returned voluntarily to Morocco.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Government Requests International Assistance: **No**

NS Requests International Assistance: **No**

INFORMATION BULLETIN PUBLISHED

No

ACTIONS TAKEN BY NATIONAL SOCIETY

General

- ☑ First Aid
- ☑ Health
- ☑ Search & Rescue

Summary:

Spanish Red Cross remains actively engaged in the response to the migration crisis in Ceuta, providing emergency healthcare, rescue support and humanitarian assistance to people arriving through the Tarajal area. In coordination with local authorities, emergency services and Maritime Rescue, Red Cross teams are delivering first aid, support to vulnerable individuals, assistance to unaccompanied minors, referrals to reception facilities and emergency medical interventions at arrival points. The operation remains ongoing amid significant pressure on local reception and response capacities.

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