



# May

## STAR: Students Together Assisting Refugees

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### MAY UPDATE :

- 100 Million Mark:** The number of forcibly displaced people has officially reached over 100 million people. The Ukraine war significantly pushed the number upwards of 100 million by having 8 million IDP's (Internally Displaced People) and 6 million refugees. 100 million people is equivalent to 1% of the world population and would be considered the 14th largest country. The 100 million mark provides a "wake-up call" stated the UN High Commissioner for Refugees [1].
- Boat Capsizing:** In three separate occasions, the capsizing of boats has caused an increasing number of deaths. Seventy-five people have been presumed dead after a boat sinks off the coast of Tunisia. In just 2022, 580 people have died in the Mediterranean due to sinking boats. Eleven people died off the coast of Puerto Rico when a boat carrying migrants and asylum-seekers- mainly from Haiti- capsized. Many still remain missing. UNHCR seeks a solution to the increasing boat capsizing [1].



fig 1. Puerto Rico boat capsizing  
 fig 2. Tunisia boat capsizing

- Title 42:** A Louisiana federal judge ruled that Title 42 would not end on Monday, May 23. Title 42 was a Trump Policy that banned asylum-seekers in order to prevent the introduction of communicable diseases [2]. Biden's administration is looking into appealing the decision. As a result, protests have been occurring on the US-Mexico border in response [1].

protests in AZ, USA



- Increasing Food Insecurity:** The war in Ukraine has greatly affected global food production. The UN has noticed trends with the increase in war and increase in food insecurity. Over 190 million people in over 50 countries have suffered food insecurity in 2021, and the number is on an upward trend. Weather has also played a part in the food crisis [1].



## PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

WE WILL BE TAKING A BREAK FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST NEWSLETTERS DUE TO SUMMER BREAK. STAR WILL BE BACK IN SEPTEMBER 2022



THANK YOU  
FOR READING!  
SEE YOU NEXT  
YEAR!

NEXT YEAR, WE WILL BE HOLDING MORE EVENTS, WORKING WITH LOCAL AND GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND CREATING MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR THE STORIES OF REFUGEES

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