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Boat carrying Afghan refugees sinks off in Turkey

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A boat carrying at least 15 migrants reportedly sank off in Turkey and Greece waters.

Afghan refugees association website reported that majority of the migrants were Afghans and were looking to travel to Greece from Turkey when the incident took place.

The boat sank off on Saturday and the death of at least one person recognized as Wahida Salami has been confirmed while five others are still missing.

Turkey is one of the main port used by illegal migrants to travel to Europe and around 128,000 people reportedly entered Turkey in 2010.

This comes as a boat which was believed to carry 72 asylum seekers from Afghanistan, sank in waters off Indonesia's Sunda Strait between Java and Sumatra islands earlier in April.

In the meantime reports suggest that a boat carrying up to 60 asylum seekers has capsized in the Indian Ocean en route to Australia, with 13 people confirmed dead and no survivors found by the fourth day of searching.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority spokeswoman Jo Meehan said. Their nationalities were unknown.