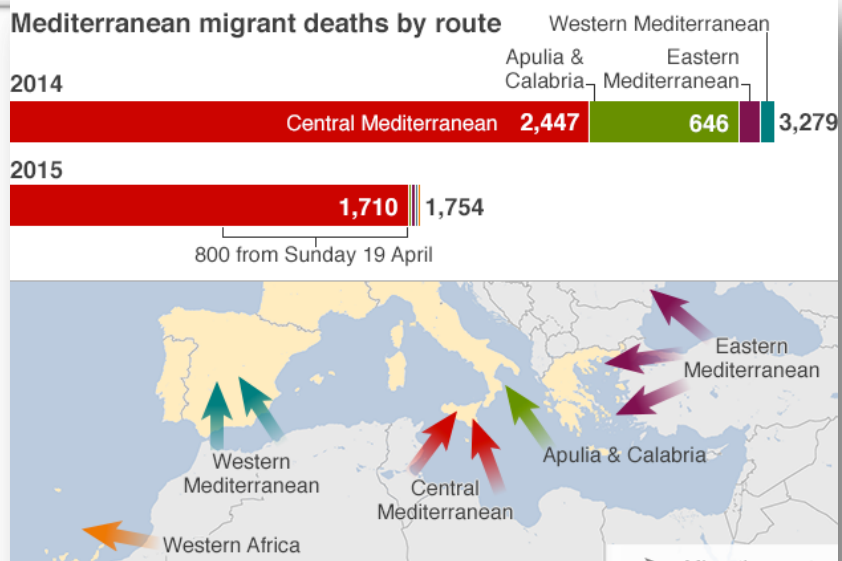


Migrant's boat capsized



Survivors of last Sunday's sinking off Libya arrived in the Sicilian port of Catania late on last Monday

The Tunisian captain of a boat that capsized off Libya on Sunday, killing hundreds of migrants, has been charged with reckless multiple deaths, Italian officials say. He has also been charged with a Syrian member of the crew with favouring illegal immigration.



The authorities say the disaster was caused by mistakes made by the captain and the ship being overcrowded. Prosecutors in the Sicilian port of Catania said the boat had collided with a Portuguese container ship just before it sank. But absolved the merchant vessels crew of any responsibility. They said the boat

had keeled over after the collision which had been caused by steering mistakes by the captain and the panicked movements of the migrants on the 20metre (66ft) former fishing trawler. Carlotta Sami of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Italy was in Catania to meet the survivors. Some 800 people are thought to have died in the disaster, she said. Report by Amelie Ferris 5sw