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Subject: FW: OFFICAL SENSITIVE - GIN 41384 + GIN 041497

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Hi All

I've had some concerns around the incident 041497 and the tragic loss of persons, a few niggles have been in my mind regarding this and incident charlie GIN 041384, the number of persons involved and the location of the incident.

Incident charlie we believed was recovered by valiant along with 2 other boats and that deck crew confirmed that one of the migrants had been seen on the phone.

The location of Charlie had initially been passed by the french from a WhatsApp location. we then received a updated whatsapp at 0220UTC on the migrant phone. But no messages accompanying it stating any issues with the craft.

Based on the nature of the call from charlie from a person called Moomin was difficult to hear we carried out a Mayday Broadcast Valiant was underway. But i felt Mayday BX action was appropriate as there were french assets in the area that could have proceeded as they were closer.

No responses were received, I called Griz Nez direct to ask if the Flamant could proceed to which they said it was with another boat.

I have read today the news article with the interview stating they called french and UK emergency services but nobody came the survivor states a male called Mubin called the emergency services which could possibly be the moomin I spoke to.

I have run a Saris Model saved under GIN 041384 and the found position of GIN 041497 falls within the search area.

3 Vessels were recovered from the area unfortunately we had no descriptions from the calls which made it difficult, however Valiant had proceeded to the area and identified 2 targets in similar locations to the Whatsapp location and the Potential drift locations. Rescue 163 also was on scene and conducted a search of the area for small craft.

At the time of the Mayday BX Valiant where some 10 miles from scene and the Flamant 2.5nm from last known position.

I know it doesnt change the Outcome but felt I needed to raise it with someone

Regards

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