
NEW EU-WIDE ASYLUM LAW ENDS UP IN COURT IN ITALY

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An Egyptian national who sought protection in Italy after arriving on the island of Lampedusa in August may end up dealing a constitutional blow to the EU's asylum laws after seeking legal counsel.

The Egyptian, who is not named, had his asylum claim rejected even though he did not understand his translator. He is appealing.

Not even European Union law can conflict with our supreme principles, his lawyer, Claudia Avenia told EUobserver earlier this week.

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