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Mr. António Guterres,
Secretary-General of the United Nations

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Note

The stories of Mamadou, Ramatoulaye and Afwerki, are entirely fictional. Mamadou is representative of the average migrant; each of these characters reflects the complex situations migrants come across. The story of Yaguine Koïta and Fodé Tounkara is, however, true.*

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* The boys' story was reported in various media outlets, as for example in <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfAlpGUZYnc>, <https://www.humanite.fr/node/211952>, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/1999/aug/08/stephenbates.theobserver> and http://www.lesoir.be/archive/recup/%-25252Fle-testament-des-jeunes-guineens-morts-de-froid-la-lett_t-19990804-Z0H34Y.html.

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