Greek neo-Nazis attack peaceful demonstration of asylum seekers

Athens, April 25 (RHC)-- In Greece, a mob of far-right militants attacked a crowd of asylum seekers who had gathered for a peaceful demonstration on the island of Lesbos, throwing stones, bottles and flares, and sending at least a dozen migrants to the hospital.

The violence erupted after some 200 migrants gathered for a sit-in protest over the weekend to call for improvements to squalid conditions in their refugee camps. They were attacked by members of the Mytilene Patriotic Movement, who chanted "Burn them alive" and "Throw them in the sea."

After anti-fascist activists intervened, fighting broke out for several hours before riot police used tear gas to clear the crowds.
At least 100 people were arrested.

Lesbos has been the arrival point for thousands of migrants who've made the perilous voyage across the Mediterranean from North Africa seeking asylum; it's currently home to about 10,000 asylum seekers.

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