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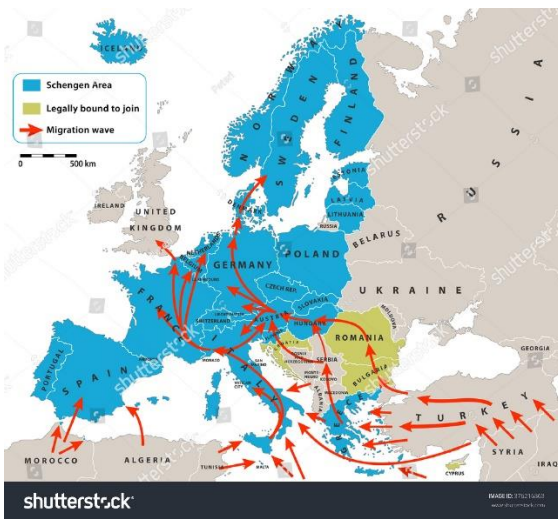
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Syrian refugees were not poor. On the other hand African refugees who struggled to cross the Mediterranean were poor. It can be categorized that African refugees were economic refugees, while Syrian refugees were political refugees. What Syrian refugees valued after their lives was a smartphone. They aimed for the West on foot with a smartphone to check the current location and collected information from their close friends going ahead. They asked their friends which border checkpoints would accept refugees. If the checkpoint was closed, they looked for the place where they could cross the border safely but illegally. They conveyed such information to friends and relatives who were following them. They kept in touch with relatives who have already migrated to Europe, asking for a good place to settle. A smartphone was a lifeline for them.

However, the capacity to accept refugees in European countries had reached their limit. The reason why the government reject refugees was not only the economic burden but also the anxiety of unemployment by a huge number of immigrants or the fear of Islamic terrorism which had been spread among society. There were many African refugees settled in suburbs of the big cities in Europe. The unemployment rate of second generation of African Muslim immigrants was high. Some of young guys were influenced by Islamic extremism. They became desperate and carried out suicide

bombings in the city. Native European citizens supported the extreme right powers. They kept out immigrants and became Islam phobia.

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