



# LIBYA: MIGRATION & ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW

6 OCTOBER — 20 OCTOBER

## Maritime Incidents - Libyan Coast

# 14,023

migrants have been rescued in 2016 to date



6 OCTOBER

Six migrants were rescued by the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) outside Az Zawiyah.

9 OCTOBER

Two bodies (one man and a six year old girl) were retrieved on the shore of Sabratah by the Directorate for Combating Illegal Migration (DCIM).

## Regional Migrant Figures Update

In 2016 (as of 19 October) **145,381 arrivals** were recorded by sea to Italy through the Central Mediterranean route, whereby 620 migrants were recorded between 10 October and 16 October, a – 95% decrease from the week before when 12,439 were reported. The main countries of origin are Nigeria, Eritrea and Guinea.

On the same route, as of 20 October, **3,178 deaths** were recorded in 2016, 100 so far in the month of October. The number of fatalities in 2016 remains higher than the same period last year (2,785 deaths were recorded along the Central Mediterranean route between January and October 2015).

*The migrants continue making the perilous journey at great risk, travelling under precarious conditions and on ill-equipped boats, leaving them highly vulnerable to both arduous travel and exploitation of organized criminal networks along the way.*

Source: MissingMigrants.iom.int

## Maritime Incidents Recorded in Libya, 2016

Month	Incidents	Rescued	# bodies retrieved	Estimated missing
January	1	242	0	0
February	1	120	0	0
March	10	1,750	14	174
April	5	868	0	0
May	12	3,768	139	120
June	9	2,531	7	0
July	9	967	150	136
August	6	388	9	0
September	14	1948	27	0
October	8	1441	36	0
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>14,023</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>430</b>

\*The number of migrants estimated missing is determined by the number of migrants reported to be on board the boats, the number rescued and the number of deaths reported, the remaining migrants unaccounted for are considered missing.

Sources: IOM, Libyan Coast Guard, DTM Implementing partners.  
Disclaimer: DTM findings on migrants includes also persons who originate from refugee producing countries. Figures on Maritime Incidents in Libya are estimates based on initial reports at the time of each incident, and are regularly updated as more information becomes available.

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## IOM Helps 154 Nigerians to Return Home from Libya

On 10 October, IOM assisted 154 stranded Nigerian migrants, including 98 women, one infant and three children, to return home to Nigeria from Libya. Of the group, 153 had spent several months in the Al Fallah and Abu Saleem detention centres in Libya.

The voluntary repatriation, in close co-operation with the Libyan authorities, the Nigerian Embassy in Tripoli and the IOM mission in Nigeria, was by charter flight which departed Tripoli's Mitiga airport and arrived in Abuja, Nigeria early evening. Before departure, all migrants were provided with clothes and shoes. A mobile patrol from the Libyan Directorate for Combating Illegal Migration (DCIM) escorted the buses to Mitiga airport.



*I paid USD 1,500 to a smuggler in Nigeria to join my husband in Libya and then go to Italy together. I was smuggled through Agadez, Niger, the desert, then Murzug, southern Libya where I was reunited with my husband. Then we went to Tripoli and then Misratah where we were jailed for three months. After that my husband was killed and I was transferred to Al Fallah.*

Twenty-five year old Malika, who is pregnant, told IOM.

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## IOM Business Trainers Work with NGOs from Southern Libya

IOM Libya's community stabilization program has brought 24 participants from southern Libya – 12 from Al Qatrun and 12 from Sabha – to participate in a 13-day intensive Training of Trainers (TOT) programme.

The training, held in the Tunisian capital Tunis, aims to support NGOs and CSOs in capacity-building and business start-ups. The methodology is highly interactive and aims to develop skills and habits.

*"The aim is to strengthen their skills and encourage collaboration as they work to build local community cohesion through social and economic development,"* said Program Manager Sandra Huang.



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