

*We raised our voices and the voices of the voiceless refugees who have been constantly silenced.
We cannot keep on going silent while no one is advocating for us and our rights.
Here we are now to claim our rights and seek protection to countries of safety.*

Our Political Manifesto, RefugeesinLibya

#EvacuateRefugeesFromLibya: Call for action

Dear friends, dear comrades,

We invite you to join us in a shared social media campaign from **Tuesday, 25 January, 9:00 am until Thursday, 27 January**, to give more visibility to the struggle and suffering of those seeking protection in Libya. As of Monday, you will find **sharepics** in this cloud, which you are welcome to use:

<https://www.sci-d.de/ownCloud/index.php/s/M90nA0DiR2ZYG2z> (password: EvacuateNOW1!).

Suggestions for posts and tweets can be found on page 2.

After more than 100 days of organised protest outside the now relocated UNHCR headquarters in Tripoli, the autonomous camps of the refugees were recently attacked, broken up and burnt down by local police and armed forces. Since the raids in Gargaresh in October 2021, we have been able to follow the collective resistance of @RefugeesinLibya live on Twitter and elsewhere. On the night of Sunday to Monday 10 January, most of them, at least 600 people, were taken to Libya's infamous Ain Zara detention centre, where rape, torture and forced labour are commonplace.

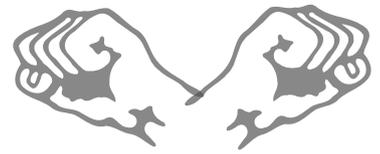
The German government and the EU bear heavy responsibility for the suffering of those seeking protection in Libya. This is because they are involved in financing and equipping the so-called Libyan coast guard, which prevents people from fleeing across the Mediterranean and takes them to detention centres. Moreover, the EU agency Frontex works closely with the so-called Libyan coast guard and makes it possible for thousands of fleeing people to be intercepted and dragged back to hell in Libya.

The EU member states are well aware of the arbitrary detentions and systematic human rights violations in the detention centres. However, their border regime takes precedence over human lives. The EU financially and organisationally supports the Libyan camp system, where torture, ill-treatment and exploitation prevail.

We demand from the German government and the European Union:

1. The evacuation of those seeking protection and reception in Germany and other EU states;
2. To use all political means to release the arbitrarily detained refugees in Libya and to close down all Libyan detention centres;
3. An end of the funding of the so-called Libyan Coast Guard and the detention centres;
4. The establishment of a state-funded civilian sea rescue programme, the abolition of Frontex and an end to the criminalisation of civilian sea rescuers and people fleeing their homes;
5. The establishment of safe and legal escape routes and **an end to the deadly EU border regime from Belarus to Calais to Libya!**

Suggestions for social media:



- Amplify their voices: Share and translate @RefugeesInLibya's posts (Twitter, Facebook, IG), quote and share their manifesto (<https://www.refugeesinlibya.org/manifesto>). Use the **hashtags #EvacuateRefugeesFromLibya, #DefundLibyanCoastGuard, #DismantleLibyanDetentionCenters, #SafePassage, #FortressEurope, #AbolishFrontex**
- RefugeesinLibya continue to need money for the most basic needs: Food, water, medicine, nappies, shelter, etc. Spread this donation link:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/solidarityrefugeesinlibya>
- Address the new German government and responsible decision makers like José Sabadell, Ambassador of the European Union in Libya, the European Commission, Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and Interior Minister Nancy Faeser.
- Two of the speakers from @RefugeesInLibya are currently in acute danger of their lives. The "Directorate for Combatting Illegal Migration" (DCIM) is specifically looking for Hassan Zakaria and David Yambio. DCIM is headed by Muhamad al-Khuja, who is a known criminal. The two urgently need visibility for their struggle (Hassan on Twitter: @HassanZ91825062).
- Call on UNHCR Libya to stand up for the protection of *all* those in need of protection in Libya and finally take a stand on the eviction and violence by Libyan authorities and criticism by @RefugeesInLibya.
- Take a photo and send messages of solidarity.

Together, let's make sure that the voices of the refugees in Libya are heard more in Germany and the EU!

Activists from United4Eritrea, No Border Assembly & BADU (Black African Diaspora United)

