

**Question for written answer E-000328/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Excessive use of physical force by the Libyan Coast Guard

According to a report by the IRINI military operation, local units observed excessive use of physical force on 15 September 2021 during Libyan Coast Guard operations. The coast guard reportedly intercepted a wooden boat with around 20 migrants on board off the coast of Libya, who were subsequently brought back to shore. The force, which is part of the navy, employed tactics that had never been observed before, and these tactics were in line with neither EUNAVFOR MED IRINI training nor with international regulations. The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) also observed the incident and filed a serious incident report.

1. Which Libyan units were involved in the incident that took place on 15 September 2021 and which IRINI units monitored it?
2. What exactly constituted the excessive use of physical force, and what were the consequences for the course of the operation or for those affected by it?
3. Has the Libyan unit to which the vessel belongs received training through EUNAVFOR MED IRINI in the past and, if so, what did the training consist of?