

**Question for written answer E-000449/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: The situation of migrants in Libya

In the past couple of months there have been numerous reports about the alarming situation of migrants in Libya, especially of mass arrests and the conditions in the detention centres. On 10 January 2022 there was another violent mass detention of at least 500 migrants in front of the Community Day Centre in Tripoli. The migrants were peacefully demonstrating for more rights next to the centre, which had been closed by UNHCR in December¹. They were then transferred to Ain Zara, a detention centre run by the Directorate for Combatting Illegal Migration (DCIM), 'where they face intolerable conditions calculated to cause suffering and the desire to utilise any means of escape, including by paying large sums of money to militias, criminal gangs, traffickers and smugglers who have links to the State and profit from this practice'.

1. Is the Commission aware of the situation on the ground, and is it planning to support these migrants through humanitarian aid and diplomatic means?
2. Has the DCIM received EU funds, and if so how much?
3. Will these latest developments have any consequences for EU financing for Libya, especially to the Libyan Coast Guards?

¹ <https://www.rescue.org/press-release/libya-hundreds-detained-renewed-crackdown-migrants-and-refugees>;
<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/what-we-do/news-stories/news/libya-over-600-migrants-arrested-after-speaking-out-their-rights>