

**Question for written answer P-004433/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Landings of immigrants in Italy: a new emergency

According to information obtained in North Africa by the Aisi and the Aise (the Italian internal and external intelligence services), more than 500 Katibe, aided and abetted by corrupt Libyan police and coastguard officers, are running the large-scale illegal immigration racket that targets Italy.

Departures are organised mainly in the areas around Tripoli, Misrata, and Benghazi, where desperate people arrive in countless thousands from Sudan, Nigeria, and other central African countries. On the eastern side of the continent, for those coming from the Horn of Africa, the assembly point, before they enter Libya, is the Sudanese city of Khartoum.

The smugglers are mostly Somalis, Eritreans, Sudanese, Nigerians, and Malians, who, once they have delivered their human cargo, have to enlist the help of the Katibe, the middlemen who ensure that the passengers can get to the boats and that the (corrupt) police let them through. There are also hundreds of thousands of unfortunates who come from the area encompassing Anatolia and the Balkans, a traditional gateway for migration from Palestine, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, and Sri Lanka.

1. Is the Commission aware of this well-documented and alarming report by the Italian intelligence services?
2. What emergency landing control measures will it take, using other sources of assistance as well as Frontex, in order to provide effective means of counteracting the situation described above, which is prompting the Italian Minister of the Interior, Angelino Alfano, to say publicly that 600 000 new immigrants are about to reach the coasts of Italy?
3. Does it consider that Frontex's personnel strength needs to be increased substantially as a matter of urgency?