Central Med Info
May 14 – June 07 2019

About our Central Med Info: borderline-europe started in March 2019 to put together information about the situation in the Central Mediterranean Sea for internal research reasons. In 2020 we decided to publish these info-letters. You will also find sources of right-wing newspapers and twitter quotations of “friends” of the so-called Libyan Coast Guard. This does not reflect our opinion, but some information is only available here.

LIBYA-INFO

16.05.2019
MOAS UPDATE – LIBYA UNHCR MISSION
As violence continues in Tripoli UNHCR has been forced to transfer refugees out of Detention Centers on the front lines to their Gathering and Departure Facility nearby. MOAS has been asked to assist UNHCR in the evacuation of the most vulnerable cases to resettlement countries. We are therefore currently raising funds for these emergency evacuations and need to raise $60,000 by the end of May and a further $60,000 by the end of June to run this mission.

07.05.2019
"Tripoli center as disembarkation platform through the back door":
German inquiry about the detention center aka "Gathering and Departure Facility" by UNHCR in Tripoli, which is/will be used to receive migrants intercepted by the so-called LCG etc. and is a starting point for the "Voluntary returns" to Niger.

01.06.2019
Sea Watch – SW3: The Sea-Watch 3 is free! We have received formal notification of the ship’s release from confiscation and its subsequent return to operations.
https://twitter.com/seawatch_intl/status/1134800097626079232
https://www.zdf.de/nachrichten/heute/festgesetzte--sea-watch-3--bedford-strohm-reist-nach-sizilien-100.html

05.06.2019
50 persons, rescued by ASSO 25 in Maltese SAR zone
According to several sources, the #Asso25 has carried out a rescue operation for the boat that had called us earlier. We believe it is moving to #Lampedusa island in #Italy. We are relieved & we admire the tenacity of the people on the move!
https://twitter.com/alarm_phone/status/1136730424758214663

Another boat in distress in the Maltese SAR Zone! Since yesterday the Alarmphone is in contact with 50pppl in distress. #Malta is informed, but did not rescue yet - the #migrants spent the night at sea. Malta needs to take responsibility and provide assistance immediately!
https://twitter.com/alarm_phone/status/113653700590346240

06.06.2019
Destination communicated by the Coast Guard. Carlotta Sami, spokesperson for the UNHCR, denounces: "700 people drifting in 24 hours in the Mediterranean".
The Asso 25, the commercial ship that yesterday afternoon saved 62 migrants in the Mediterranean, will land in Pozzallo. The destination was communicated by the Coast Guard to the commander who last night had begun to sail to Lampedusa. The ship, a tugboat supporting offshore oil platforms, was involved yesterday afternoon to help a rubber dinghy that seems to have been spotted on Wednesday by some planes in patrol without, however, any naval means intervened. The migrants on board had managed to get in touch with the Alarm phone system while they were in the Maltese SAR area but no one would go to their aid and they would spend the night at sea […]
https://www.repubblica.it/cronaca/2019/06/06/news/mediterraneo_rimorchiatore_con_62_migranti_fa_rotta_per_lampedusa-228130736/
05.06.2019

75 people in the Maltese SAR zone
In the early morning the Alarmphone was in contact with a boat with 75 ppl in the SAR zone of Malta. Now the boat is not reachable anymore. Since hours MRCC Malta refuses info if they spotted the boat and finally started the rescue operation.
https://twitter.com/alarm_phone/status/1136171414166351872

We have now learnt that the boat in distress in the Maltese SAR zone was rescued by Maltese authorities. The exact number of people on board unclear so far. #safe passage @refugees
https://twitter.com/alarm_phone/status/1136301703593115648

05.06.2019

More than 370 migrants rescued by AFM, during busiest day of arrivals in recent years
More than 370 migrants disembarked in Malta on Wednesday following Armed Forces of Malta rescue missions, in one of the busiest days for migrant arrivals in recent history. AFM personnel carried out three rescue missions beginning very early in the morning, as they scrambled to ensure people did not die at sea. The first of the missions happened during the night when the AFM rescued 63 migrants who were in distress aboard a drifting rubber dinghy.
The boat was within the Maltese Search and Rescue Zone. The men, women and children on board were transferred to the AFM vessel, to be brought to Malta. A short while later, AFM operators received word of a second group of more than 200 people in distress at sea and went to their rescue [...] https://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20190605/local/migrants-rescued-by-AFM.711971

Shipwreck Libya
02.06.2019

Woman and baby drown, migrants missing in Libya shipwreck
A woman and baby drowned on Sunday off the Libyan coast, while up to 25 migrants remain missing after their engine was stolen and their boat sank, the coastguard said. Their bodies were recovered while the 73 other migrants were rescued after fishermen alerted the Libyan coastguard, said spokesman Ayoub Kacem. The group had been left without an engine after it was stolen at sea by unknown assailants, he added. The dinghy was drifting for 14 nautical miles from Garabulli, east of the capital Tripoli, when it started taking on water and ultimately sank Forty men, 25 women and eight children were saved and taken to a center in the Tripoli suburbs, Kacem said. The survivors, some of whom were injured, come from Ivory Coast, Kenya, Nigeria and Sudan. Between 80 and 100 people were on board the dinghy, leaving up to 25 missing, according to a separate coastguard statement citing survivors’ testimony. Libya, which has been mired in chaos in recent years, is a key departure point for migrants hoping to reach European shores. Nearly 20,000 people have crossed the Mediterranean Sea so far this year, while more than 500 are dead and missing, according to the United Nations refugee agency. There has been a significant drop in the numbers reaching Italy, following a controversial deal signed with Libya and Rome adopting a hardline migration stance.
Kacem said the “efforts of the Libyan coastguard have allowed a fall of more than 75 percent of the number of departures of migrants” from the country’s shores. The change has let to “far fewer shipwrecks and victims at sea,” he said.

The Maridive Case
31.05.2019

Tunisia accused of refusing to allow migrant boat to dock
Tunisian authorities have stopped 75 migrants saved at sea from coming ashore, according to a rights group and the captain of the ship which rescued them. The migrants were adrift in international waters in a boat with a broken engine when an Egyptian tug boat brought them on board, the captain said on Saturday on condition of anonymity. After notifying authorities in Italy and Malta, the crew headed for the southern Tunisian port of Zarzis, where authorities refused to allow the ship to dock. "We're in a critical situation, we're nearly 100 on board and we don't have more than two days of supplies of water and food," the captain told AFP news agency by phone. Tunisian rights organisation FTDES said the regional governor demanded government support before accepting the migrants, following an increase in
new arrivals from neighbouring Libya in recent months.

Tunisian authorities did not respond to AFP’s requests for comment. The crew of the tug boat rescued 64 Bangladeshis, nine Egyptians, one Moroccan and one Sudanese, who had departed from Zuwara in western Libya, according to FTDES. Last month, around 60 migrants, mostly from Bangladesh, had drowned off the coast of Tunisia after leaving Libya on a boat bound for Europe. There has been a significant reduction in rescue vessels operating in the Mediterranean Sea in recent months, with humanitarian boats facing legal woes as countries such as Italy impose a hardline migration policy.


03.06.2019

The survivors on Maridive 601 must disembark – solidarity cities in Europe are willing to welcome them: AlarmPhone

75 migrant travellers, who were rescued on May 31 by the vessel ‘Maridive 601’, are still not allowed to disembark in Tunisia. We denounce that the migrant boat was ignored by Italian and Maltese authorities, though they were in distress in international waters, north of the coast of the Tunisian town Zarzis. This is a violation of international law and maritime conventions! We do not regard Tunisia as a safe place for refugees and migrants. Tunisia has no asylum system and migrants and refugees there have no viable prospects. Many of the people on ‘Maridive 601’ are sick and need medical attention. They all need food, water, and adequate shelter. Given the reluctance of European politicians, there seems to be no option for their relocation to Europe from the ‘Maridive 601’. We therefore call on the Tunisian authorities to: Let the rescued disembark at the nearest port, which is Zarzis! Guarantee that they will not be deported back to Libya! We call on European authorities to: Respond adequately to distress calls from the sea and engage in rescue instead of engaging in policies of non-assistance and deterrence! Re-settle these people to Europe, where many cities have declared their solidarity and are willing to welcome migrants! [...] https://alarmphone.org/en/2019/06/03/the-survivors-on-maridive-601-must-disembark-solidarity-cities-in-europe-are-willing-to-welcome-them/

30.05.2019

UNHCR evacuates hundreds of vulnerable refugees out of Libya to safety

The situation in Medenine shelters is catastrophic, right now people are going back to Libya. Between 20-30 people went back to Libya from Medenine last month. Also, the minor who tried to commit suicide two months ago escaped to Algeria where he is detained right now in Tebessa. Probably the people think that they can take boats from Libya or Algeria, but the situation in both countries is horrible, at least for migrants, and push backs from Algeria happen every day and boats from Libya are very often not rescued, and if yes, taken back. Apparently, Tunisia does not want a second Choucha camp, from which European countries did not take in even those who were chosen for resettlement. Thus, the Tunisian government does not improve the accommodation for migrants and does not want to take in migrants from boats like those on “Maridive 601”, who are still waiting offshore near Zarzis. Many people and cities are willing to do this, but at the moment only 149 vulnerable refugees have been taken by UNHCR from Libya to Italy on the 30th of May [...] https://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2019/5/5ceff1144/unhcr-evacuates-hundreds-vulnerable-refugees-libya-safety.html

Video of the protest of migrants on board of Maridive 601:

Forum Tunisiens pour les Droits Economiques et Sociaux
https://www.facebook.com/groups/293356094052952/

The survivors on Maridive 601 must disembark – solidarity cities in Europe are willing to welcome them!


75 persons stranded on a Tuna Pen – MALTA

30.05.2019

Reports of child left to die on abandoned dingy off Libyan coast, AFM saves 75 persons stranded on tuna pen

A five-year-old child died on board a rubber dingy in difficulty adrift off the coast of Libya during an attempt to reach European shores.

https://alarmphone.org/en/2019/06/03/75-persons-stranded-on-a-tuna-60120190601202814004.html
According to Alarm Phone, that no vessel in the vicinity went to give help despite an alert being issued. Alarm Phone said that the people on board the dingy said that a helicopter flew over them and an unidentified military ship passed close by, but no help arrived. Later on, the Italian warship ‘Cigala Fulgosi’ intervened and saved the group of people on board the dingy. Initial reports indicate that onboard there were 90 persons but so far there has been no confirmation of victims. Late on Wednesday, a group of 75 migrants found stranded on a tuna pen were rescued by the Armed Forces. They were taken on an AFM patrol boat and are expected to disembark in Malta Thursday morning. In a statement, the government said the AFM and the Italian coast guard conducted multiple joint rescue operations supporting the Libyan coast guard.


30.05.2019
Maltese navy rescues 75 migrants clinging to a tuna pen
On Thursday, the condition and nationalities of the migrants was still not known, according to dpa. The Maltese army said it had been involved in several joint rescue operations with the Italian coastguard and "in support" of the Libyan coastguard. The Italian rescuers took another group of migrants to Lampedusa Island. Recent fine weather conditions have seen large numbers of people attempting the journey from Libya to Europe. Calls for urgent rescue of 90 more migrants. Another 90 people have been stranded at sea for more than 35 hours, according to the German NGO Sea Watch. "The Italian Navy is waiting for the Libyan coastguard, even though human lives are at risk," Sea Watch said in a tweet. Alarm Phone, the hotline for migrants at sea, has reported that a five-year-old child on board has died. Malta feels pressure, despite drop in migrant crossings Malta has repeatedly asked the EU for help in dealing with migrants trying to reach the island. More than 500 migrants have reached Malta this year, while 1,425 have made it to Italy, which has a population 130 times larger. So far this year, 24,687 migrants have reached Europe, according to the International Organization for Migration. The number is well below the record of around one million for the same period in 2015, and 144,000 last year. Among EU member states, Spain received the most migrants last year, at around 65,000.


30.05.2019
Italian navy rescues 100 people stranded in the Med
The Italian Navy carrying out a different rescue in May 2016. The Italian navy rescued 100 migrants stranded in the Mediterranean on Thursday, as 75 other migrants found clinging to a tuna pen were taken to Malta, officials said. The Italian navy said that it rescued “100 people, including 17 women and 23 minors, with health checks underway”. Only a few of the migrants had a lifejacket, the boat’s engine had failed and the weather was worsening, leaving them "in imminent danger" a navy statement said. The migrants, who sent an SOS signal to Alarm Phone, a volunteer-run Mediterranean rescue hotline, had said that a five-year-old girl on board had perished, but the navy said no one had died. The navy did not say where the migrants would be taken following the rescue around 90 nautical miles south of Lampedusa. Alarm Phone, which is operated by German association Watch the Med, said the Italian vessel could have rescued the stricken migrants "nearly a day ago". The Maltese navy said earlier that it had rescued 75 migrants found clinging to a tuna pen while trying to make the dangerous journey across the Mediterranean.

It said in a statement that it had coordinated multiple joint rescue operations in conjunction with the Italian coastguard and "in support of the Libyan coastguard". The UN refugee agency said it spoke to the refugees and migrants when they arrived in Malta "exhausted, hungry, and extremely relieved to be on land after three days at sea". Malta has appealed to the EU for help in dealing with the flow of migrants, which its much larger neighbour Italy has begun to turn away. The island of 450,000 people is a common destination for migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean from North Africa, and a hardline stance from Italy has increased pressure on it. In Italy, the UNHCR said that two boats carrying a total of 103 migrants arrived on the island of Lampedusa leaving Libya three days ago. The UNHCR said that they were "exhausted and cold". International
Organization for Migration figures show 24,687 migrants have reached Europe so far this year, well below the record of around one million in 2015, and 144,000 last year.

https://www.thelocal.it/20190530/italian-navy-rescues-100-people-stranded-in-the-med

**Cigala Fulgosi/Italian Navy – brought to Genoa**

05.09.2019

AP Twitter: "Some of us died during the trip." The story of migrants through doctors: "nightmarish journey. We spent two days at sea. Endless suffering, there have been deaths among the traveling companions". Some migrants reported it to the doctor of the Galliera Paolo Cremonesi hospital who visited them on board.


AP Twitter: Forwarding this to the general list as it concerns our cm case from may 29. Sad news. We tweeted about it: According to new testimonies of the survivors who had called us in distress on May 29, some of their companions died during the journey. Italy had consciously delayed the rescue of this boat as we have documented.

https://mobile.twitter.com/alarm_phone/status/113518491004602368

30.05.2019

**Italian Navy ship rescues migrants**

90 people on board. Alarm Phone says five-year-old girl is dead The Italian Navy ship Cigala Fulgosi on Thursday intervened to rescue 90 migrants aboard a rubber dinghy that had been in difficulty since Wednesday morning off the coast of Libya. According to sources, the decision to intervene was made based on worsening weather and the fact that the boat was floating in dangerous condition without an engine. The Alarm Phone hotline for migrant boats in distress in the Mediterranean on Thursday tweeted that it had spoken with migrants aboard the boat just past 8 a.m., and they reported a five-year-old girl had died on board. The migrants said they saw a helicopter overhead and a ship not far off in the distance. "They told us that the helicopter was still there and that the boat they saw was not a cargo but a military boat," Alarm Phone tweeted.

http://www.ansa.it/english/news/general_news/2019/05/30/italian-navy-ship-rescues-migrants_ee0b68b3-dd56-4c7d-9f63-bb82e45edf90.html

**Sea Watch 3 Mission**

20.05.2019

**Sea Watch commander probed**

Captain of search-and-rescue ship accused of aiding immigration

Agrigento, May 20 - Prosecutors have put Arturo Centore, the commander of the Sea-Watch 3 search-and-rescue ship, under investigation for allegedly aiding illegal immigration, sources said on Monday. Investigators have put the vessel under sequestration. At the weekend a group of migrants rescued in the Mediterranean by the ship was allowed to disembark in Lampedusa despite Deputy Premier Matteo Salvini's policy of closing Italy's ports to NGO-run search-and-rescue vessels.

http://www.ansa.it/english/news/general_news/2019/05/20/sea-watch-commander-probed_305672cf-f816-4412-8880-0c5fc48576f0.html

**18.05.2019**

Italy accepts migrant families rescued by Sea-Watch ship

Rome had blocked a rescue ship from entering Italian territorial waters. But the coast guard then agreed to help families onboard and take them to Lampedusa. Italy on Friday allowed families with children to disembark from a rescue ship operating in the Mediterranean Sea by German charity Sea-Watch. "Italian authorities have informed us of their availability to disembark families onboard: children, mothers, fathers," Sea-Watch wrote in a tweet. Eighteen migrants rescued off the coast of Libya were transferred to an Italian coast guard unit and then taken to the island of Lampedusa.

But Sea-Watch said others onboard remained at risk. "A pregnant woman is still onboard, and it is unacceptable that Italy recognizes basic human rights only for families — all onboard are human and have human rights," said Sea-Watch spokesman Ruben Neugebauer. The charity noted that 47 people remained on the rescue ship. "Ports remain closed": Earlier Friday, Italy's anti-migrant interior minister, Matteo Salvini, ruled out assisting migrants on the rescue ship, saying "our ports are and remain closed."Salvini, a far-right leader, has been criticized for attempting to block migrant rescue boats from docking at Italian ports. Last year, human rights watchdog Amnesty International accused the Italian government of "repressive management
of the migratory phenomenon." Since 2015, nearly half a million irregular migrants have made the dangerous journey across the central Mediterranean and made landfall in Italy, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM). With the support of the EU, Rome has trained the Libyan coast guard to intercept boats carrying migrants in a bid to prevent them from reaching European shores.


15.06.2019
Sea-Watch 3 rescues 65 migrants off Libyan coast

Amongst the rescuees are 11 women, one disabled person, two babies, five children and eight unaccompanied minors Civil rescue ship Sea-Watch 3 has just rescued 65 migrants from a rubber boat in distress about 30 nautical miles off the coast of Libya. The rubber boat had been spotted first by the civil reconnaissance aircraft Colibri. Sea-Watch 3 said that it set sail to the search and rescue zone (SAR) after being blockaded by the Dutch court from doing so since April. Once there, Sea-Watch 3 picked up 65 people off the Libyan coast, many of whom, they said, showed signs of exhaustion, dehydration and sea sickness. "Amongst them are 11 women, one disabled person, two babies, five children and eight unaccompanied minors," a Sea-Watch statement read. "You have to do everything yourself. At the weekend, we have seen once again what happens when you leave the Mediterranean to the EU and its allies: While not a single rescue ship was around, the number of boat departures from Libya increased dramatically. 70 people died, 240 more were forcibly pulled back by the Libyans on behalf of Europe," said Philipp Hahn, Head of Mission of Sea-Watch 3. "We are now back to counter this barbarism and to defend European values instead of only repeating them over and over on election posters." A Sea-Watch statement said that the authorities in Malta, Italy and the Netherlands (the flag state of Sea-Watch 3), as well as the Libyan authorities, have been informed. The Sea-Watch 3 had left Marseille on Saturday, after a court in The Hague had lifted an unlawful political blockade by the Dutch Ministry of Transport against the ship. With the Mare Jonio, operated by Sea-Watch’s partner organization Mediterranea, probationally seized in Italy after disembarking 30 rescuees on May 10, the Sea-Watch 3 is currently the only dedicated rescue ship in the Mediterranean.


INTERCEPTIONS

23.05.2019
Interception Libya – Moonbird

Today #Moonbird witnessed #EU sanctioned & #HumanRights-violating interceptions of 2 boats by the so-called #Libyan Coast Guard. There are possibly more unattended distress cases. Rescue capacity needed immediately! #SafePassage

https://twitter.com/seawatch_intl/status/1131547291393957888

#Italy navy vessel P492 Commandante Bettica near rubber boat in distress with est. 80 ppl on board, but not rendering assistance. Mayday Relay was sent by civil air asset. People are now hanging off the deflating tubes. #EU vessels must rescue NOW!

https://twitter.com/seawatch_intl/status/1131558330181328897

The people who fell into the water and those on board the dinghy were intercepted by a patrol boat of the so-called Libyan coastguard. The intervention of the Libyan patrol boat was also confirmed by the Italian Navy, whose ship Bettica was located a few miles from the dinghy.

https://twitter.com/seawatch_intl/status/1131594983901937664

24.05.2019
Libya confirms it rescued 87 migrants in Mediterranean

CAIRO — Libya’s navy has confirmed it rescued 87 Europe-bound migrants, including six women and a child, off the country’s Mediterranean coast, following a video released by a German aid group about the disaster. Friday’s statement from the navy says the Libyan coast guards found a sinking rubber boat whose bottom had collapsed on Thursday, leaving most migrants in the water and hanging onto what was left of the boat and plastic barrels. It says the migrants — Arab and African nationals — were handed over to Libyan police after receiving humanitarian and medical aid.

Earlier, German group Sea-Watch said its aircraft had filmed three rescue operations by Libyan
coast guards on Thursday. Humanitarian groups object to returning migrants to lawless Libya, citing reports of abuse, beatings and other inhuman treatment.

https://www.citynews1130.com/2019/05/24/libya-confirms-it-rescued-87-migrants-in-mediterranean/

24.05.2019
Libya’s coastguard rescues 290 migrants off Tripoli’s coast
The migrants were handed-over to anti-illegal migration department after they were disembarked at two cities. Libya’s coastguard has rescued 290 migrants clinging to inflatable rafts in two operations near the capital, Tripoli. A coastguard vessel rescued 87 migrants off Qarabuli, a town 50km from eastern Tripoli, on an inflatable boat, naval forces spokesperson Ayoub Qassem told Reuters news agency on Friday. The coastguard is part of Libya’s navy. Another group of 203 migrants was rescued from two inflatable boats off Zlitin, a town 160km east of the capital, said Qassem. 'Tragic, terrible': Scores die as migrant boat sinks off Tunisia. "The illegal migrants were found clinging to shabby and broken boats. They were rescued by patrols of coastguards on two different vessels," said Qassem before adding they were handed over to anti-illegal migration department. The rescued migrants, including seven women and a child, were from different Arab and sub-Saharan countries. The western coast of Libya is the main departure point for hundreds of thousands of migrants fleeing their countries from wars and poverty to reach shores of Italy. After an Italy-backed deal, the number of crossings has dropped sharply since July 2017 when human traffickers were expelled by an armed group from a smuggling hub of Sabratha city in western Tripoli. Dire conditions: But thousands of migrants and refugees held in detention centres across the city have been caught in the middle of clashes when renegade military commander Khalifa Haftar ordered his Libyan National Army to advance on Tripoli on April 4. As Tripoli conflict continues, detained migrants run out of food [...] https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/05/libya-coastguard-rescues-290-migrants-tripoli-coast-190524063043952.html

Deaths in the CM

02.06.2019
IOM Twitter: Update: According to IOM doctors onsite: migrants reported over 95 were on the boat before it capsized, among them were women and children. Two bodies have been retrieved and 73 migrants have so far been rescued.
http://twitter.com/IOM_Libya/status/1135184477569867776

AP Twitter: Today yet another shipwreck occurred near Libya. So far, it is unclear how many lives have been lost. #European borders force people into the sea where they are then left to die - the Mediterranean death toll keeps rising.
http://twitter.com/alarm_phone/status/1135217606569484290

CRIMINALISATION

05.06.2019
Campaign against the criminalisation of the Churches, Sea Eye, Sea Watch
What are the churches doing against dying on the Mediterranean?
Sea-Eye and Sea-Watch thank the churches with joint initiative
Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, Chairman of the EKD Council, visits the rescue ship "Sea-Watch 3" in Italy and again calls for a political emergency solution for the refugees who are rescued by Sea-Watch and Sea-Eye on the open sea. Again and again, the Christian churches in Germany clearly and unambiguously profess their support for the civilian sea rescuers. They loudly demand an end to the criminalization of aid organizations and donate money for the Sea-Eye and Sea-Watch search planes and rescue ships, among other things [...] https://mailchi.mp/sea-eye/kirche-rettet-sea-eye-ev-sea-watch-ev-starten-kampagne?e=291651cf0d

14.05.2019
Far-right Italian leader Salvini launches bill to fine rescuers €5,500 for each refugee they save
Italian interior minister Matteo Salvini has proposed a bill to fine those who rescue refugees at sea up to €5,500 (£4,800) for every saved person. The bill, which was announced by Mr Salvini on Friday, would present vessels with fines between €3,500 and €5,500 for each “foreigner” they deposit on Italian ground.
In the most serious cases, Italian vessels caught transporting rescued refugees would see their licences revoked or suspended. Third-sector organisations blasted the bill as Italy’s “umpteenth attack on human life”, “bullying” and “bending of international law”. “It’s like fining ambulances for bringing patients to hospital,” said Claudia Lodesani, president of Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) Italy, in a statement [...] https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/italy-refugee-rescue-fine-salvini-ngo-boat-msf-migration-a8911366.html?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook#Echobox=1557846104

Glossary
AP: Alarm Phone
IOM: International Organisation of Migration
Migrant Rescue Watch: Account of R. Gowans, a person that seems to know a lot about the so-called Libyan Coast Guard. We do not share his opinion about the so-called LCG and the SAR NGOs.
So-called LCG: so-called Libyan Coast Guard. These coastguard units since long time are the subject of criticism because of the human rights violations they have committed, their frequent unavailability and the impossibility of attributing them to a government or to militias, for this we call them “so-called” coastguards.

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