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An urgent call to “STOP DEPORTATION “and” IMMEDIATE RELEASE” of all Eritrean Refugees in Libya.

Dear: Madam/Sir.:

We, the Eritrean community in diaspora organized under Global Yiakl Movement (GYM) representing eleven countries call for an immediate release and stop the deportation of Eritrean refugees in Libya. We are writing this letter because it has come to our attention that the Libyan authorities have conducted a raid and a crackdown of migrants that includes Eritrean refugees. Our reliable sources claim among the detainees are pregnant women and at least 155 minor children.

AP has reported this on the 2nd & 3rd October, 2021.

“A major crackdown in western Libya resulted in the detention of 4,000 migrants, including hundreds of women and children, officials said Saturday. They started on Friday October 1, 2021, in the western town of Gargaresh as part of what authorities described as a security campaign against illegal migration and drug trafficking. The Interior Ministry, which led the crackdown, made no mention of any traffickers or smugglers being arrested. Libyan Officials said Friday that 500 illegal migrants had been detained but on Saturday reported that number had reached 4,000 and Sunday to 5,000”.

For your convenient here is the full article.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Xmr2VjpFavRPTWfk0IHyfNWRs9h6wsF8qW0aE-YiwJQ/edit?usp=sharing>

We are very much worried by the report stating that authorities would “deport as many as possible” of the migrants to their home countries. If the Eritrean immigrants are deported to Eritrea, the consequences are persecution, indefinite detention and possibly death.

As we all are fully aware of the Eritrean government human rights violations records; this is a life sentence if the Libya authorities send Eritreans back to Eritrea. Many of these Eritrean refugees under Libyan Custody were victims of conscription of lifelong military service - a slavery like mandatory indefinite national service in Eritrea. Hundreds of thousands of Eritreans have been escaping from the country by any means possible. In desperation, they have taken very dangerous routes, including the Sinai desert and Libya, where they are frequently kidnapped and trafficked by criminals, tortured, and held for ransom. Some of these desperate refugees reach Egypt and some to Libya, to find themselves detained for years without charges and denied refugee status.

By this letter, we appeal to the Libyan government and the international community to address this situation in a speedy manner and prevent any plan of deportation of Eritrean detainees. We urge the Libyan authorities not to deport any Eritrean refugees back to Eritrea, where they can face torture, jail and even death. We call upon the Libyan government to cooperate and facilitate the safe transfer of these Eritrean refugees to a third country like Rwanda and Niger. Global Yiakl Movement in partnership of the international community is ready to facilitate the transfer of the Eritrean refugees to a third country.

Global Yiakl Movement (GYM) - Vision and mission are to build a peaceful, constitutional, democratic, prosperous state of Eritrea in which the rule of law reigns, human rights respected and guaranteed. We are a grassroots movement that represents and advocates for Eritrean citizens wherever they might be. We recognize, respect, and work diligently towards long lasting peace and stability in the Horn of Africa and the region in general.

Sincerely,

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United Nation
African Union
United States, State Department
Human Rights Watch
Libya Embassy in US
Red Cross Libya
International Committee of the Red Cross
MOI Libya
European Union
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