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OUR LATEST PUBLICATIONS



Immigration Detention in Libya: "A Human Rights Crisis"

Libya is notoriously perilous for refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants, who often suffer a litany of abuses, including at the country's numerous detention facilities. Conditions at these facilities, many of which are under the control of militias, are deplorable. There are frequent shortages of water and food; over-crowding is endemic; detainees can experience physical mistreatment and torture; forced labour and slavery are rife; and there is a stark absence of oversight and regulation. Nevertheless, Italy and the European Union continue to strike controversial migration control deals with various actors in Libya aimed at reducing flows across the Mediterranean. These arrangements include equipping Libyan forces to "rescue" intercepted migrants and refugees at sea, investing in detention centres, and paying militias to control migration. [Read the full report.](#)

Immigration Detention in Finland: Limited Use of "Alternatives," Restrictive Detention Review, Divisive Political Debate

Finland does not detain as many migrants and asylum seekers as do Sweden and other nearby European countries. However, the country's authorities rarely grant "alternatives to detention," instead deeming detention to be the most efficient and cost-effective method for

removing non-citizens from the country. District court detention decisions tend to be very brief, and hearings often last less than 10 minutes. Although conditions in the country's two specialised immigration detention centres are generally adequate, Finland continues to use police and border guard stations for immigration detention purposes. [Read the full report.](#)

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