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|  <p>The map displays the Mediterranean region, including parts of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. Red location pins are placed on the coastlines of Libya, Tunisia, and Greece, indicating immigration detention sites. The map also shows major cities like Rome, Istanbul, and Cairo, and bodies of water like the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.</p> | Quick Facts | |
| | Immigration detainees (2018) | Not Available |
| | Detained asylum seekers (2018) | Not Available |
| | Detained minors (2018) | Not Available |
| | Immigration detention capacity (2018) | Not Available |
| | International migrants (2017) | 788,000 |
| | New asylum applications (2016) | 1,900 |
| | Number of immigration detainees on a given day (2018) | 8,672 |

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/africa/libya>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

| | | Observation Date | | | Observation Date |
|--|---------------|------------------|--|---------------|------------------|
| Total number of immigration detainees by year | Not Available | 2018 | Number of immigration detainees on a given day | 8,672 | 2018 |
| | 8,672 | 2018 | | 10,000 | 2018 |
| | 8,672 | 2018 | | 20,000 | 2017 |
| | 8,672 | 2018 | | | |
| Number of detained asylum seekers | Not Available | 2018 | Total number of detained minors | Not Available | 2018 |
| Number of detained unaccompanied minors | Not Available | 2018 | Number of detained accompanied minors | Not Available | 2018 |
| Number of detained stateless persons | Not Available | 2018 | Number of apprehensions of non-citizens | Not Available | 2018 |
| Immigration detainees as a percentage of total international migrant population | Not Available | 2018 | Estimated total immigration detention capacity | Not Available | 2018 |
| | | | | 4,000 - 7,000 | 2016 |
| Number of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres | Not Available | 2018 | Estimated capacity of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres | Not Available | 2018 |
| | 24 | 2016 | | | |
| | 18 | 2016 | | | |
| | 15 | 2015 | | | |
| | 19 | 2014 | | | |
| | 17 | 2013 | | | |
| Criminal prison population | 6,187 | 2014 | Percentage of foreign prisoners | 12.8 | 2013 |
| | 5,090 | 2013 | | | |
| | 3,186 | 2012 | | | |
| | 13,242 | 2010 | | | |
| | 13,217 | 2007 | | | |
| | 9,763 | 2004 | | | |
| | 6,750 | 1998 | | | |
| Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population) | 99 | 2014 | | | |
| | 82 | 2013 | | | |
| | 52 | 2012 | | | |
| | 220 | 2010 | | | |
| | 230 | 2007 | | | |
| | 178 | 2004 | | | |
| | 135 | 1998 | | | |

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

| | | Observation Date | | | Observation Date |
|--|--|------------------|--|--|------------------|
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| Population | 6,374,616 | 2017 | International migrants | 788,000 | 2017 |
| | 6,600,000 | 2012 | | 416,556 | 2017 |
| | | | | 771,100 | 2015 |
| | | | | 756,000 | 2013 |
| International migrants as a percentage of the population | 12.4 | 2017 | Refugees | 9,352 | 2017 |
| | 12.3 | 2015 | | 9,301 | 2016 |
| | 12.2 | 2013 | | 9,305 | 2015 |
| | | | | 25,561 | 2014 |
| Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants | 4.47 | 2014 | Total number of new asylum applications | 1,900 | 2016 |
| | 1.17 | 2012 | | 4,457 | 2012 |
| Refugee recognition rate | 100 | 2014 | | | |
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| DOMESTIC LAW | | | |
|---|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| LEGAL TRADITION | | | |
| Legal tradition | Name | | Observation Date |
| | Civil law | | 2017 |
| | Muslim law | | 2017 |
| LAWS AND REGULATIONS | | | |
| Additional legislation | Name | | Year Adopted |
| | Law No. (6) of 1987 on organising the entry, residence, and exit of foreigners in Libya, as amended by Law No. 2 (2004) | | 1987 |
| | Law No. 19 of 2010 on Combating Irregular Migration | | 2010 |
| LAWS AND REGULATIONS | | | |
| Regulations, standards, guidelines | Name | | Year Published |
| | 8 JUN 2009. - Arrêté royal modifiant l'arrêté royal du 2 août 2002 fixant le régime et les règles de fonctionnement applicables aux lieux situés sur le territoire belge, gérés par l'Office des étrangers, où un étranger est détenu, mis à la disposition du gouvernement ou maintenu, en application des dispositions citées dans l'article 74/8, § 1er, de la loi du 15 décembre 1980 sur l'accès au territoire, le séjour, l'établissement et l'éloignement des étrangers | | 2009 |
| GROUND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE IMMIGRATION-RELATED DETENTION | | | |
| Immigration-status-related grounds | Name | | Observation Date |
| | None | | 2018 |
| CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES | | | |
| Does the country provide specific criminal penalties for immigration-related violations? | Fines | Incarceration | Observation Date |
| | Yes | Yes | 2018 |

| CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| Grounds for criminal immigration-related detention/incarceration and maximum potential duration of incarceration | Grounds for Incarceration | Maximum Number of Days of Incarceration | | Observation Date |
| | Unauthorized exit | | | 2018 |
| | Unauthorized entry | | | 2018 |
| | Unauthorised stay | | | 2018 |
| LENGTH OF DETENTION | | | | |
| Maximum length for administrative immigration detention in law. | Number of Days | | Observation Date | |
| | No Limit | | 2019 | |
| NON-CUSTODIAL MEASURES (ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION) | | | | |
| Types of non-custodial measures | Name | In Law | In Practice | Observation Date |
| | None | No | | 2018 |
| VULNERABLE PERSONS | | | | |
| Is the detention of vulnerable persons provided in law? Are they detained in practice? | Name | In Law | In Practice | Observation Date |
| | Accompanied minors | Not mentioned | Yes | 2015 |
| | Unaccompanied minors | Not mentioned | Yes | 2015 |
| | Asylum seekers | Not mentioned | Yes | 2014 |
| | Refugees | Not mentioned | Yes | 2014 |

| INTERNATIONAL LAW | | |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Relevant international treaties and date of ratification | | |
| International treaties | Name | Ratification Year |
| | ICRMW, International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families | 2004 |
| | CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children | 2004 |
| | CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime | 2004 |
| | VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations | 1998 |
| | CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child | 1993 |
| | ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | 1989 |
| | CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women | 1989 |
| | CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | 1989 |
| | CRSSP, Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons | 1989 |
| | ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | 1970 |
| ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination | 1968 | |
| Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified | 11/19 | |

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

| Individual complaints procedure | Name | Acceptance Year |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| | ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966 | 1989 |
| | CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999 | 2004 |

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

| Ratio of complaints procedures accepted | Number | Observation Date |
|---|--------|------------------|
| | 2/7 | 2017 |

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

| | Name | Recommendation Excerpt | Recommendation Year |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <p>Relevant recommendations issued by treaty bodies</p> | <p>Committee on Migrant Workers</p> | <p>(a) Amend Law No. 6 (1987), amended by Law No. 2 (2004), and Law No. 19 (2010) in order to decriminalize irregular migration;</p> <p>(b) Release all migrants detained arbitrarily, in particular those detained on the grounds of their migration status; ensure that the detention of migrants is an exceptional measure of last resort applied for the shortest possible time, that grounds are specified in each case, giving the reasons why alternative measures cannot be implemented, and that the measure is reviewed in under 24 hours by an independent and impartial judicial authority; and develop non-custodial alternatives to detention;</p> <p>(c) Prohibit, in law and in practice, the detention of migrant children, in accordance with joint general comments No. 3 and No. 4 (2017) of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families / No. 22 and No. 23 (2017) of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the human rights of children in the context of international migration;</p> <p>(d) Ensure that migrant workers and members of their families have access to legal aid, effective remedies, justice and consular services, and that the guarantees enshrined in the Convention are upheld, in full compliance with articles 16 and 17 of the Convention;</p> <p>(e) Establish a registration system for detained migrants that is integrated with the registration system used by the Libyan Coast Guard at the disembarkation of migrants rescued or intercepted at sea, while respecting the human rights of migrants, including their right to privacy;</p> <p>(f) Ensure that, in administrative and judicial proceedings, including for charges not related to immigration status, migrant workers and members of their families are guaranteed due process on an equal basis with nationals of the State party before the courts and tribunals.</p> <p>41. The Committee urges the State party, in exceptional cases where detention cannot be avoided, to guarantee adequate, decent conditions in migrant detention centres, and notes that the centres should not resemble a prison facility either in appearance or purpose . In particular, the Committee urges the State party: (a) To put an end to overpopulation and to ensure that those detained are provided with health care, including sexual and reproductive health services, psychological care, water, sanitation and hygiene, food, sufficient space and ventilation, outdoor recreational time and basic necessities, including bedding, clothing and items of personal hygiene;</p> <p>(b) To ensure that children are separated from adults to whom they are not related and, if born in detention, are provided with a valid birth certificate;</p> <p>(c) To ensure that women detainees are held separately from men, are guarded only by adequately trained women officers, and are protected against sexual and gender-based violence, and that specific provisions are made for pregnant and nursing women;</p> <p>(d) To stipulate strict behavioural rules for guards and officials at detention facilities, to train them on human rights, gender equality, the best interests of the child and non-discrimination, and to investigate and punish in an appropriate manner State officials who violate the rights of migrants;</p> <p>(e) To strengthen mechanisms to regularly monitor conditions in migrant detention centres, and to ensure the implementation of the policy of the Ministry of the Interior granting human rights monitors and humanitarian agencies free, unannounced and unhindered access to all migrant detention centres.</p> | <p>2019</p> |

| Regional treaties, regulations, and directives | | | |
|---|--|---------------|--|
| Regional legal instruments | Name | | Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation) |
| | ACHPR, African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights | | 1986 |
| | ACRWC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child | | 2000 |
| | APRW, Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol) | | 2004 |
| Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa (AU Refugee Convention) | | 1981 | |
| Bilateral/Multilateral agreements linked to readmissions | | | |
| Bilateral/multilateral agreements linked to readmission | Name | Year in Force | Observation Date |
| | Italy | 2017 | 2019 |
| | France | 2007 | 2017 |
| Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms | | | |
| Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review | Recomendation Issued | Year Issued | Observation Date |
| | Yes | 2015 | 2017 |
| | Yes | 2011 | 2017 |

| INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Institutions responsible for immigration detention | | | | |
| Custodial authority | Agency | Ministry | Ministry Typology | Observation Date |
| | Department for Combating Illegal Immigration (DCIM) | Ministry of the Interior | Interior or Home Affairs | 2019 |
| | Department for Combating Illegal Immigration (DCIM) | Ministry of the Interior | Interior or Home Affairs | 2017 |
| | Department for Combating Illegal Immigration (DCIM) | Ministry of the Interior | Interior or Home Affairs | 2014 |
| | Department for Combating Illegal Immigration (DCIM) | Ministry of the Interior | Interior or Home Affairs | 2013 |
| | The 9th Brigade, a militia nominally under the control of the Ministry of Defence | | Non-State Actor - Militia/Armed Group | 2013 |
| | Departments of Anti-Infiltration and Illegal Immigration | Ministry of Interior | Interior or Home Affairs | 2009 |
| Departments of Anti-Infiltration and Illegal Immigration | Ministry of Interior | Interior or Home Affairs | 2007 | |

| Institutions responsible for immigration detention | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Detention Facility Management | Entity Name | | Entity Type | | Observation Date | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ministry of Interior, Department for Combating Illegal Immigration (DCIM) | | Governmental | | 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ministry of Interior, Department for Combating Illegal Immigration (DCIM) | | Governmental | | 2017 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ministry of Interior, Department for Combating Illegal Immigration (DCIM) | | Governmental | | 2014 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ministry of Interior, Department for Combating Illegal Immigration (DCIM) | | Governmental | | 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | The 9th Brigade, a militia nominally under the control of the Ministry of Defence | | Non-State Actor - Militia/Armed Group | | 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Police | | Governmental | | 2009 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Police | | Governmental | | 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Institutions responsible for immigration detention | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Types of detention facilities used in practice | Immigration detention centre (Administrative) | Immigration field office (Administrative) | Transit centre (Administrative) | Reception centre (Administrative) | Offshore detention centre (Administrative) | Hospital (Administrative) | Border guard (Administrative) | Police station (Criminal) | National penitentiary (Criminal) | Local prison (Criminal) | Juvenile detention centre (Criminal) | Informal camp (Ad hoc) | Immigration detention centre (Ad hoc) | Surge facility (Ad hoc) | Observation Date |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2015 |
| Detention monitoring institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Authorized monitoring institutions | Institution | | Institution Type | | Observation Date | | | | | | | | | | |
| | United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) | | International or Regional Bodies (IRBs) | | 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) | | International or Regional Bodies (IRBs) | | 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) | | Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) | | 2017 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) | | Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) | | 2017 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Detention monitoring institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Is the national human rights institution (NHRI) recognized as independent? | Is the NHRI recognized as independent by the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions? | | | | Observation Date | | | | | | | | | | |
| | No | | | | 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Detention monitoring institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do NGOs carry out visits? | Do NGOs regularly carry our visits? | | | | Observation Date | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Yes | | | | 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Detention monitoring institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do international and/or regional bodies (IRBs) visit immigration-related detention facilities? | Do international and/or regional bodies (IRB) regularly visit immigration-related detention facilities? | | | | Observation Date | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Yes | | | | 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |

Outsourcing and privatisation

| | Name of entity | Type of entity | Detainee transport | Food services | Health care | Social services | Laundry services | Legal counselling | Management | Owner of detention facility | Recreation | Security | Telephone service | Translation services | Observation Date |
|--|---|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Detention contractors and other non-state entities | UNHCR (as part of Mixed Migration Working Group) | International organisation | | | Yes | Yes | | | | | | | | | 2017 |
| | IOM (as part of Mixed Migration Working Group) | International organisation | | | Yes | Yes | | | | | | | | | 2017 |
| | UNHCR and IOM Partner NGOs (as part of Mixed Migration Working Group) | Not for profit | | | Yes | Yes | | | | | | | | | 2017 |

Foreign sources of funding for detention operations

| Does the country receive external sources of funding? | Benefitted from non-state funding sources? | Observation Date |
|---|--|------------------|
| | Yes | 2018 |

Foreign sources of funding for detention operations

| Description of foreign assistance | Description of non-state assistance | Observation Date |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|
| | € 20 million : EU migration-related bilateral assistance | 2018 |
| | €266 million: European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF) (implemented by UN agencies, EU Member States and NGOs) | 2018 |

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA

Economics and Development Indicators

| Gross Domestic Product per capita (in USD) | Gross Domestic Product per capita (in USD) | Observation Date |
|--|--|------------------|
| | 7,998.03 | 2017 |
| | 6,573 | 2014 |
| | 12,167 | 2013 |

Economics and Development Indicators

| Remittances to the country | Remittances to the country (in millions USD) | Observation Date |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| | 16 | 2006 |

Economics and Development Indicators

| Remittances from the country | Remittances from the country (in millions USD) | Observation Date |
|------------------------------|--|------------------|
| | 755 | 2016 |
| | 1,609 | 2010 |

| Economics and Development Indicators | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|------------------|
| Unemployment Rate | Unemployment Rate | | Observation Date | |
| | | | 2017 | |
| | | | 2014 | |
| Economics and Development Indicators | | | | |
| Net official development assistance (ODA) (in millions USD) | Net official development assistance (ODA) (in USD) | | Observation Date | |
| | 179.49 | | 2016 | |
| | 210.3 | | 2014 | |
| | 87,090,000 | | 2012 | |
| Economics and Development Indicators | | | | |
| Human Development Index Ranking (UNDP) | Human Development Index Ranking (UNDP) | | UNDP four-tiered ranking | Observation Date |
| | 108 | | High | 2017 |
| | 94 | | High | 2015 |
| | 55 | | High | 2014 |
| Attitudes and Perceptions | | | | |
| World Bank Rule of Law Index | Percentile rank among all countries (ranges from 0 (lowest) to 100 (highest) rank) | | Estimate of governance (ranges from approximately -2.5 (weak) to 2.5 (strong)) | Observation Date |
| | 2 | | -1.78 | 2017 |

More information about immigration detention in Libya is available at the website of the Global Detention Project (www.globaldetentionproject.org)