

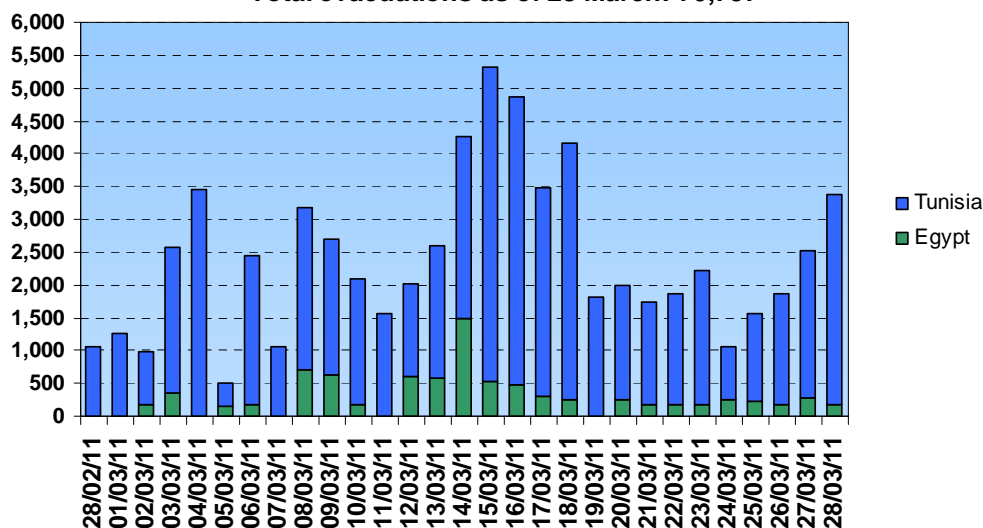
Update no 14 Humanitarian Situation in Libya and the Neighbouring Countries

29 March 2011

Highlights

- As of 28 March 2011, IOM will be assuming full responsibility for the Humanitarian Evacuation Operation, with continued support available from UNHCR in the event of a major outflow of Libya. As of 28 March, the Humanitarian Evacuation cell (HEC) has coordinated 345 flights, evacuating 70,787 people, including 62,101 from Tunisia, 8,484 from Egypt and 202 from Algeria.

Daily air evacuations coordinated by HEC
Total evacuations as of 28 March: 70,787



- On 28 March, the High Commissioner had a telephone conversation with the Minister of Interior of Italy. The HC thanked Italy for its two evacuations of Eritrean and offered UNHCR's assistance in management of current influx of North Africans to Italy.
- On 29 March, the HC and the Director of UNHCR's Middle East and North Africa Bureau left on mission to Egypt to meet with the Government, the League of Arab States, UNCT as well as to visit Saloum border.



Saloum border, Egypt. UNHCR staff register refugees originating from Eritrea and Ethiopia. They have fled violence and persecution in their own countries and now find themselves fleeing from escalating violence in Libya. /UNHCR/ P.Moore

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Population Movements

By 28 March, a total of 389,767 persons arrived to Tunisia (179,929), Egypt (158,234), Niger (17,617), Algeria (9,987), Chad (3,200) and Sudan (2,800). There continues to be a steady influx of Third Country Nationals to both Tunisia as well as Egypt.

| | Arrivals at the border per country | 28-Mar |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| TUNISIA | Tunisians | 19,568 |
| | Libyans* | 29,384 |
| | Other TCNs | 148,387 |
| | Total Tunisia | 197,929 |
| EGYPT | Egyptians | 79,369 |
| | Libyans* | 33,595 |
| | Other TCNs | 45,270 |
| | Total Egypt | 158,234 |
| NIGER | Nigeriens | 16,562 |
| | TCNs | 1055 |
| | Total Niger | 17,617 |
| ALGERIA** | Total Algeria | 9,987 |
| CHAD | Total Chad | 3,200 |
| SUDAN** | Total Sudan | 2,800 |
| COMBINED | OVERALL TOTAL | 389,767 |

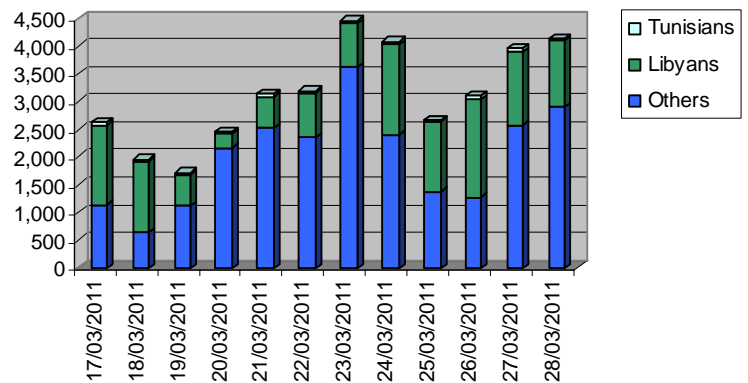
Source: Government statistics compiled by IOM

* Includes usual border crossings of commuters, traders etc.

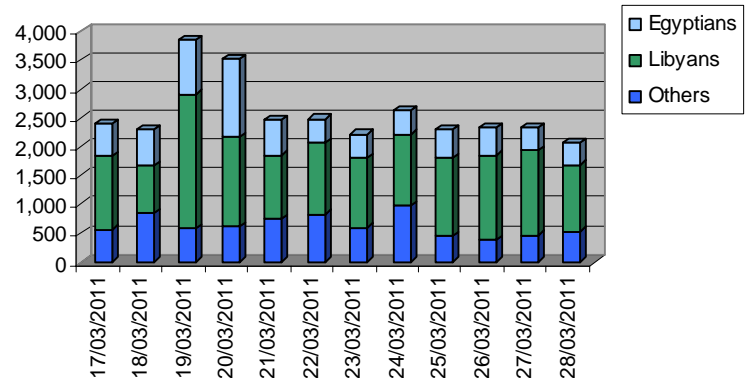
** As of 21 March

** Source: OCHA

Population movement into Tunisia



Population movement into Egypt



Country Updates

LIBYA

Reportedly thousands of displaced families are still living in make shiftshelters in the desert west and south of Ajdabiya without latrines, clean water or medicines. In Ajdabiya there is no power, no water and it is hard to find cooking oil, flour and milk. The same was reported for Benghazi, where supplies that once came from Tripoli are now being brought in from Egypt. It is difficult to verify these reports but UNHCR receives eyewitness accounts from people who fled to Egypt.

A UN security assessment mission to Libya, led by UNDSS and with UNHCR and WFP participation, is pending authorization by UNDSS.

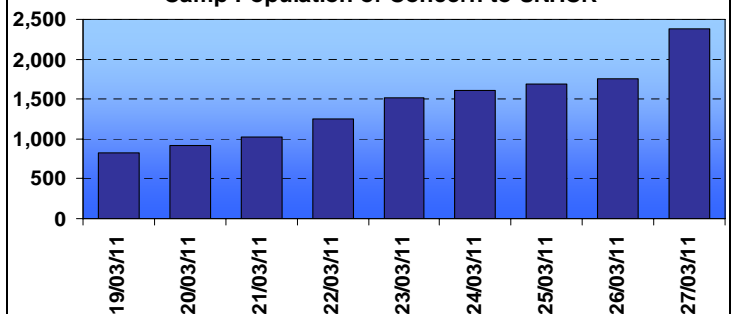
TUNISIA

Choucha Transit camp/UAE Red Crescent camp: On 27 March 7,286 people were residing in Choucha camp: 1639 from Somalia, 1006 from Chad, 1004 from Mali, 539 from Sudan and 424 from Ethiopia.

In the UAE camp, 652 people were hosted on 27 March, including 157 from Ethiopia, 121 from Eritrea, 59 from Morocco and 37 from Bangladesh. It is planned to transfer all people of concern to UNHCR to the UAE camp and to keep the Choucha camp for transit migrants.

The number of people of concern to UNHCR grew steadily over the past weeks. On 27 March, 2,423 people of concern were hosted in Choucha and UAE camp, including 1,639 from Somalia, 750 from Eritrea, 28 from Iraq and 23 from Libya.

Camp Population of Concern to UNHCR



• Protection

Three female Nigerians were identified as victims of trafficking in Choucha camp. They were repatriated to Nigeria where they will be offered a reintegration package in coordination with IOM.

• Humanitarian assistance

As of 27 March, UNHCR has distributed 2877 plastic sheetings, 1684 kitchen sets, 32,210 blankets, 4080 jerry cans, 10,000 sleeping mats, 3053 tents as well as 1830 light weight emergency tents.

EGYPT

Egyptian border with Libya (Saloum border crossing): On 27 March, a total of 2,055 people entered into Egypt through Saloum, including 367 Egyptians, 1,154 Libyans, 184 Nigeriens, 121 Chadian and 88 Sudanese.

Some of the Libyans who crossed the border had severe injuries and were taken to Saloum in ambulances provided by the Egyptian government. They have now been referred to hospitals in Alexandria.

There are currently approximately 3,000 people waiting at Saloum port, including 227 children and 201 women.

• Humanitarian assistance

As of 28 March, 1,670 mats, 2,120 blankets and 60 packets of plastic sheeting were distributed at Saloum port. CRS distributed 3,600 pre-packaged meals; WFP distributed through the Egyptian Red Crescent 1,700 pre-cooked meals, including 400 in the Family Hall. UNICEF provides 110,000 liters of water per day.

UNHCR received authorization to install three rub halls to accommodate hundreds of migrants and people of concern.

• Protection

To date, UNHCR conducted 50 Refugee Status Determination interviews. Most interviewed said that

they left Libya because of the generalized violence. African asylum seekers said that they feel targeted because they are perceived as mercenaries of pro-Gadaffi forces.

EUROPE

On 25 March, representatives of EU Member States, EC, IOM and UNHCR discussed current and possible future resettlement needs caused by the developments in North Africa.

EU Commissioner for Home Affairs, Cecilia Malmström, and Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, Štefan Füle, will visit Tunisia on 30-31 March.

Arrivals to Lampedusa and Linosa: The total of new arrivals since mid-January increased to 19,615 people, 18,738 of them are of Tunisian nationality. Currently there are 5,640 people in reception facilities in Lampedusa, all of them Tunisian. The reception conditions remain critical and tensions were reported both among Tunisians as well as between Tunisians and the local population. 300 people of mainly Eritrean nationality are currently hosted in Linosa, a small island 45 km north-east of Lampedusa.

Resource Mobilization

UNHCR has revised its Supplementary Budget for the Libya Situation, which now has a total need of USD 65,700,000. So far, UNHCR has received contributions in the amount of USD 34,083,276; hence it is 52% funded. UNHCR continues to appeal to donors for cash contributions towards the UNHCR supplementary budget.

The Regional Inter-Agency Flash Appeal for the Libyan Crisis, requesting total of USD 160.3m for March-June, may be revised by the beginning of April. Currently the appeal is 67% funded. A delay in the revision of the Flash Appeal is due to the inability to access Libya and to perform the necessary needs assessment.



A Sudanese man arrives at Choucha refugee camp, Tunisia. /UNHCR/A. Branthwaite

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Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and neighbouring countries

Population movements since 20th February 2011

As of 28 March 2011



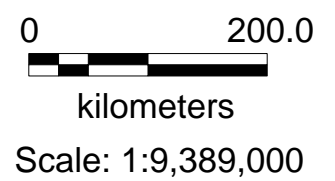
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- Capital
 - UNHCR Regional Office
 - UNHCR Country Office / National Office / Liaison Office
 - UNHCR Field Unit
 - Refugee camp
 - Asylum-seeker centre
 - Urban refugee location
 - Main town or village
 - Secondary town or village
 - Population movement (border crossing)
 - Air evacuation
 - Crossing point
 - International boundary
 - Main road
 - Secondary road
 - Railway
- Elevation
(Above mean sea level)
- 3,250 to 4,000 metres
 - 2,500 to 3,250 metres
 - 1,750 to 2,500 metres
 - 1,000 to 1,750 metres
 - 750 to 1,000 metres
 - 500 to 750 metres
 - 250 to 500 metres
 - 0 to 250 metres
 - Below mean sea level



* Lampedusa figure includes arrivals since mid-January 2011