

Libya: Rescue at Sea, monthly update

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Libyan Coast Guard rescued/intercepted a total of 1,873 people in different locations along the Libyan coast, in Az Zawiyah, Zuwarah, Tripoli and Al Khums. Since 1 January 2017, Libyan local authorities have recovered 117 bodies of people who drowned while attempting to cross the Mediterranean towards Europe. UNHCR is present in five health posts at disembarkation points, at Az Zawiyah, Tripoli (2), Tajurah (Al Hamidiyah) and Al Khums, where it provides medical and hygiene assistance.

Monthly trends - people rescued/intercepted at sea in 2016-2017

Compared to the same months in 2016, in January and February 2017 three times as many people were rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard.



Total 2016: 14,332

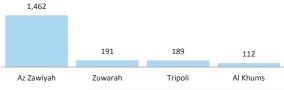
Top 10 nationalities rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2016-2017

The majority of people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in January-February 2017 was of unidentified nationality.



People rescued/intercepted in Jan-Feb 2017 by disembarkation point

75% of the total number have been rescued/intercepted at Az Zawiyah.



Monthly trends - people that lost their lives in Libyan waters in 2016-2017

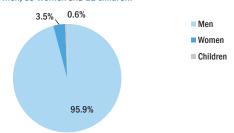
In January-February 2017, the Libyan Coast Guard recovered 117 dead bodies in Libyan waters, compared to 0 in the same months in 2016.



Total 2016: 1,225

People rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard in 2017 by group

Of the total of 1,954 people rescued/intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard. 1,873 were men, 69 women and 12 children.



UNHCR Health Posts at disembarkation points



As of 28 February, in UNHCR's health posts **165 people** have received **medical assistance**.

