

Update no 17

Humanitarian Situation in Libya and the Neighbouring Countries

7 April 2011

Population Movements

By 6 April, a total of 460,359 persons crossed from Libya to neighbouring countries. There continues to be a steady influx of third country nationals both to Tunisia and Egypt.

Tunisia		Egypt		Niger		Algeria**	Sudan***	Chad	
Tunisians	19,951	Egyptians	82,074	Nigeriens	27,076	not available	not available	not available	
Libyans*	40,500	Libyans*	48,367	Others	2,058				
Others	161,734	Others	52,257						
TOTAL	228,333	TOTAL	182,698	TOTAL	29,134	TOTAL	2,800	TOTAL	6,219

Source: IOM in cooperation with national authorities

* Includes usual border crossings of commuters, traders etc.

** Source ECHO/** Source OCHA

Country Updates

LIBYA

As fighting continues in Misrata, the Libya team is concerned about refugees and asylum seekers residing in this city. The UN country team is currently looking into the possibility of evacuating them from Misrata.

As of 5 April, a total of 853 refugees and asylum seekers who were formerly registered with UNHCR in Tripoli have made their way out of Libya that UNHCR is aware of. A total of 697 persons previously registered with UNHCR Libya arrived at the Tunisian-Libyan border, among them 452 Eritrean, 119 Somalis and 59 Sudanese. 53 refugees and asylum seekers formerly registered in Libya arrived in Egypt, including 35 Eritreans, 7 Iraqis and 6 Somalis. In Italy, 56 people previously registered with UNHCR Libya were identified, among them 47 Eritrean and 9 Somalis. In Malta, a total of 43 refugees and asylum seekers previously registered with UNHCR Libya arrived, including 24 Eritrean and 16 Somalis. There were previously over 11,000 refugees and asylum seekers registered with UNHCR Libya.

UNHCR has brought in 2,100 tents and 7,000 blankets donated by DFID into Libya. The convoy of 20 trucks entered eastern Libya on 6 April.

TUNISIA

The inflow of people crossing the Libyan-Tunisian border remains stable, with approximately 2,500 to 3,000 border crossing daily, including over 1,000 third country nationals.

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YEARS



On 5 April, 10,124 people were hosted in the two camps. Chadian and Sudanese remain the largest populations, which currently include 3,856 nationals from Chad and 2,499 from Sudan requiring evacuation assistance. There are currently 2,720 people of concern to UNHCR in the camps, among them 1,751 Somalis, 918 Eritreans, 34 Iraqis and 27 Palestinians.

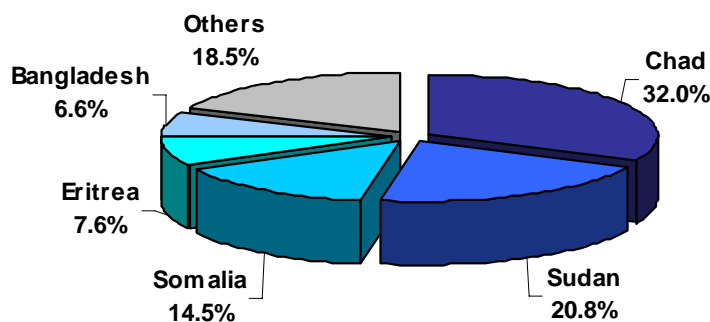
Authorities report that health conditions at the border and in the camps remain stable, no disease outbreak has been reported at either camp, however, several cases of scabies have been reported.

UNHCR's Goodwill Ambassador Angelina Jolie travelled on 5 April to the Tunisian-Libyan border to urge greater international support for people fleeing Libya.



Women wait in line for food at one of three food distribution points at Choucha camp. /UNHCR/J.Tanner

Camp Population - 5 April 2011



EGYPT

On 6 April, 1,711 people crossed the Egyptian-Libyan border at Saloum, including many families. This number is slightly higher than in the past days, with an average of 1,500 border crossings. According to UN estimates, there are currently approximately 3,000 people still waiting at the transit area. Egyptian military authorities gave a higher estimate of 5,000 people, including approximately 3,500 Chadians.

As of 6 April, 1,820 mats, 2,316 blankets, 158 packets of plastic sheeting, 52 jerry cans and 311 mattresses were distributed at Saloum border.

UNHCR is continuing its discussion with the Saloum Port authorities about the erection of six rub halls, no final agreement has been reached.

ITALY

Over 200 migrants and refugees are reported to have drowned 14 miles off Lampedusa on 6 April. According to survivors, the group, including Somalis, Eritreans and Ivorians, departed Libya three days ago in an attempt to reach the Italian island of Lampedusa. They told UNHCR that many women and three children were among the dead. The Italian Coastguard rescued 47 people, including two women, one of them pregnant.

The total number of new arrivals since mid-January increased to 22,861 people, of which almost 21,000 are of Tunisian origin. 633 people arrived in 6 landings on 5 April.

MALTA

Since 28 March, 816 people arrived to Malta, including 411 Somalis, 250 Eritreans, 87 Ethiopians, 26 Ivorians and 16 Malian.

The Maltese authorities continue to seek the implementation of the EU Temporary Protection Directive to invoke the establishment of a comprehensive responsibility sharing mechanism among EU Member States.

GREECE

A NATO aircraft transferred several wounded Libyan rebels from the area around the harbour city of Brega on the island of Crete on 2 April, according to the Greek Defence Ministry. One man died during the flight while five persons in serious condition were transferred to the hospital of Chania.

Emergency Staffing

There are currently 70 UNHCR emergency staff deployed on the ground, including 28 in Tunisia, 28 in Egypt and 8 supporting the Libya country team (5 in Saloum, Egypt, and 3 in Djerba, Tunisia)

Resource Mobilization

UNHCR 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 36,887,706; hence it is 56% funded. UNHCR continues to appeal to donors for urgent cash contributions towards the UNHCR supplementary budget.

The Regional Inter-Agency Flash Appeal for the Libyan Crisis was revised on 1 April, requesting a total of USD 310.8 million for March-June. In line with revised planning and the most likely scenario, it is now estimated that up to 1,507,830 people may be affected by the conflict and require some form of humanitarian aid. Currently the appeal is 36% funded.



*A Somali woman washes her baby's clothes in the shade of her tent at Choucha camp.
/UNHCR/J. Tanner*

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and neighbouring countries

As of April 2011

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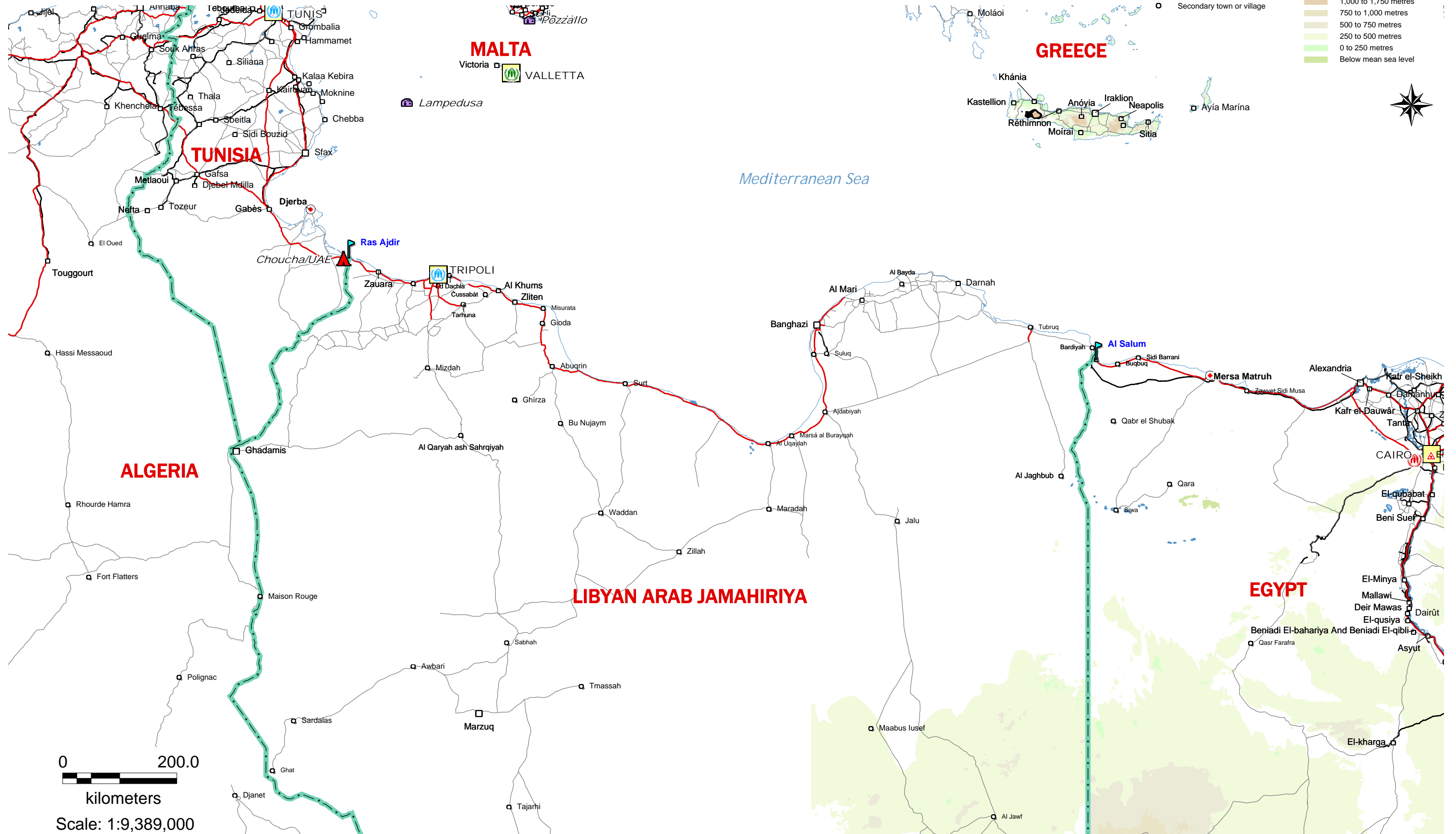


- Capital
- UNHCR Regional Office
- UNHCR Country Office / National Office / Liaison Office
- UNHCR Field Unit
- Refugee camp
- Asylum-seeker centre
- Urban refugee location
- Main town or village
- Secondary town or village

- 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



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