

## Introduction



Pro-Gaddafi attacks on the port area of Misurata yesterday prevented ships from docking to deliver humanitarian supplies and evacuate the wounded. The IOM boat was today able to dock, despite continuous shelling, and pick up evacuees. It is reported that NATO airstrikes, which destroyed a reported 37 military vehicles, assisted the retreat of Gaddafi forces from the port area. The shelling caused widespread destruction in the port area.

Gaddafi forces are reported to have carried out heavy bombardment using mortars in the Abu Rouia area in the west of the city today. Previously bombardments by Gaddafi forces

have been focused in areas in the east of the city close to the port. The city remains besieged to the east, south and west, with the only access by sea. The damaged airport, is reported to be in the hands of Gaddafi forces.

In the western Libyan town of Zintan, Gaddafi forces today fired Grad rockets into the town center. Five houses were reportedly destroyed, with some minor injuries, but no deaths. There are also unconfirmed reports that the hospital was hit by a rocket and that the post office was destroyed.

There are unconfirmed reports that pro-Gaddafi forces today took back the town of Al Ghazzayi, with the intent of taking back the Wazzin border area. They passed 4 km south of the town, but were blocked by rebels and retreated. Reports also indicate that civilians in Al Ghazzayi have been instructed by rebels to leave the area, as a counter attack is planned. Thus, many families fled through the Tunisia border today.

IOM reports African migrants fleeing from the conflict in Libya into northern Niger and Chad require urgent help. These numbers are reported in the tens of thousands, with no infrastructure to manage the influx into the small border towns.

### **As of April 27, 2011:**

#### LIBYA/TUNISIA BORDER AREA

Along the Ra's Ajdir border, 5,591 people mainly from Somalia, Eritrea, Sudan, Chad and Niger are in the three camps. 43% of these are those for who evacuation is not currently possible. International Medical Corps health post services continue.

At the Dehibat border area, a total of 2,261 people, almost exclusively Libyan families, are staying in the two camps. This number has slightly decreased from previous reports. The Dehibat team continues to monitor needs of these refugees, in addition to needs in western Libya.

#### WESTERN LIBYA

Needed medical supplies were today delivered to the Nalut Hospital. Further information is being gathered on the security situation and needs in western Libyan areas. In Zintan, people are afraid to

leave the town because they believe that Gaddafi forces will close access to the western route. No casualties have been seen outside of Zintan, as it is reported that the injured are not able to leave.

In Misurata, International Medical Corps is continuing to provide needed medical supplies and equipment. As health facilities continue to be over-stretched and there is an ongoing the need for medical evacuations, International Medical Corps is continuing in efforts to respond to this need.

#### EASTERN LIBYA

As staff at the Benghazi Psychiatric Hospital (BPH) are being asked to offer psychological support to survivors of sexual assault, International Medical Corps is providing awareness training on GBV guiding principles which includes psychological counseling techniques for working with survivors of sexual assault. Training is being provided for 22 attendees and is subsequent to training conducted on psychological first aid training. International Medical Corps will work with BPH staff on existing referral pathways for survivors to discover existing gaps and how to best tackle these gaps.

International Medical Corps is planning to implement child friendly spaces in IDP areas of concentration and is exploring opportunities to work with different partners, including the Crisis Management Team under the umbrella of the 17<sup>th</sup> of February government structure.

The eastern Libya team continues in activities to support the needs of health facilities and IDPs in eastern Libya (and further into Libya as able) in addition to activities to provide supplies to Misurata and provide medical care to evacuees.



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