

Asylum-seekers refuse to leave docked Libyan ship, citing torture



Misrata, November 20 (RHC)-- In Libya, a group of nearly 80 refugees is refusing to leave a docked ship in the Libyan port of Misrata, saying they fear torture and imprisonment. The refugees were headed to Europe by boat earlier this month, before being returned to Libya on November 10th, starting a stand-off with Libyan authorities.

Amnesty International's Middle East and North Africa Director, said of the situation: "The protest on board the ship now docked in Misrata gives a clear indication of the horrifying conditions refugees and migrants face in Libya's detention centers where they are routinely exposed to torture, rape, beatings, extortion and other abuse. Under international law, no one should be sent to a place where their life is at risk."

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