15 migrants die after boat goes adrift off coast of Libya



Tripoli, December 6 (RHC)-- In Libya, 15 migrants died in a boat after spending 12 days at sea without food or water. Ten migrants survived.

One of the surviving migrants told reporters: "We were 25 migrants on a boat, and we set off from the town Sabratha. Everything was fine for about an hour, but after that the boat started to malfunction. We drifted for about 12 days without food or water, and about 15 people died. We were only 10 people left when someone finally saw us near the shore. We spent 12 days without anything."

Migrants and human rights advocates have condemned Libya for gross human rights abuses against migrants, including torture, imprisonment and slavery. Last month, a group of over 70 migrants refused to leave a docked ship in the Libyan port of Misurata before they were forcibly removed.

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