

# STOP SLAVERY IN LIBYA STOP WAR ON MIGRANTS

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## EU-COMMISSION BERLIN

Unter den Linden 78 | 10117 Berlin  
near Brandenburger Tor

16:30-18:30



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**WOMEN IN EXILE AND FRIENDS WITH:**



We strongly condemn the European Union policies on supporting African countries in stopping refugee and migrants to enter Europe. They support regimes which they perceive as corrupt and non governable, by providing finances and training program. This support result in deaths and slavery as is the evidence of the recent cases in Libya, Niger etc. A lot of money is being given and more promised to African leaders whose countries are used by refugee's en-route to Europe. New treaties and more border controls by European Union have extended beyond their continent. Jobs are being created for European citizens while the Africans who are struggling to look for better opportunities elsewhere are hunted like animals and exposed to all sorts of abuses. Going back to history, this is not new; there are just new tactics of colonisation.

The policy of divide and rule is always beneficiary to the European. Women and children are the ones most affected by these policies, as we have seen in the recent reports from Libya. You cannot be silent witnesses to modern-day slavery, rape and other sexual violence, unlawful killings, in the name of supporting your governments to have a fortress Europe. Human rights are everybody's right and not for the privileged few.

Also living conditions of refugee in European countries are not exceptional to these policies. Refugees are living in isolation in lagers, many of them with no possibilities of finding jobs because they are not allowed to work. Lack of working permission drives refugee work illegally for peanuts or doing 1€ jobs. The Europeans can rebuke the Libya but their policies are encouraging and supporting these autocracies.

***We say to all European activists:***

Look beyond your borders, act to change these inhuman situations inside and outside Europe and not "only" when there is a public cry but before they start. Unite with refugee activists to fight racism and sexism.

***We say to all African leaders partnering with the EU :***

You are writing down a history of being responsible for the deaths of millions of your nationals because of your greediness and power egotism.

***We say to all people working in EU Institutions:***

It is an illusion to think that you can solve the problems you create by sending money and turning a blind eye on what is happening. Instead, your policies are resulting in more Human Rights violations and death. **Stop the war on migrants!**

*We say:*

**Freedom of movement, right to come, right to go, right to stay!**