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*Shipwreck off the coast of Libya*

# **Against government massacres, let's defend human life**

What is happening in the Mediterranean Sea is a crime against humanity, against those who are looking for safety and hospitality while fleeing from wars and misery.

The umpteenth massacre involves all the States of the area: from Italy and Malta, to Libya which was recently praised of "sea rescues" by Italian prime minister Draghi. All of this happened under the vigilant watch on behalf of European patrol missions at the borders (FRONTEX).

Since April 21<sup>st</sup> Alarm Phone (a self-organized rescue warning network) had alerted all the port authorities without anybody doing anything. The result was that human beings, who were adrift on boats of luck, met their death. It would seem they are more than one hundred. The stories of those who arrived on the scene are dreadful.

The truth about this umpteenth crime came to light only because of the commitment of volunteers and of commercial ships, who were stationed in the area and organized and coordinated themselves. Otherwise it would have remained unknown.

We stand, even more strongly, by those who save human lives and we denounce the criminal and murderous politics of governments.

It is the Italian one first of all, which is giving evidence of wickedness and inhumanity, from the unfair expelling to the rejection of those who arrive by land on the Balkan Route and to the deaths in the Mediterranean Sea.

We call upon solidary people to react, to unite and to denounce the criminal policies of the Italian government which continues to make deals with Libya and to refuse rescuing at sea while it criminalizes those who carry out solidarity and hospitality.

- **Stop to massacres at sea**
- **Full hospitality for those who are looking for safety and refuge**

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