

**Question for written answer E-003389/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Involvement of Libyan authorities in communication on the maritime emergency of 11 May 2026

On 11 May 2026, Sea-Watch 5 rescued 90 people from a vessel in distress off the Libyan coast. During the rescue operation, the crew were confronted by masked, armed men who threatened to throw people into the water. The EU's Mediterranean countries have been cooperating with Libyan authorities on migration control for years, including through the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) in Tripoli. It is unclear to what extent and how these or other Libyan bodies were informed of the maritime emergency or even received footage from Frontex.

1. Which Libyan bodies were involved in communication by Frontex, including the Italian liaison officer at the Frontex Situation Centre, about the maritime emergency on 11 May 2026? What type of information was sent to them in each case?
2. When and through which channels were those Libyan bodies informed by Frontex or the Italian liaison officer at the Frontex Situation Centre on 11 May 2026 that masked, armed persons were on board the boat and that the boat had turned back towards Libya?
3. With which Libyan authorities did Frontex or Italy, including the Italian liaison officer at the Frontex Situation Centre, exchange information following the maritime emergency? What information was transmitted?

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