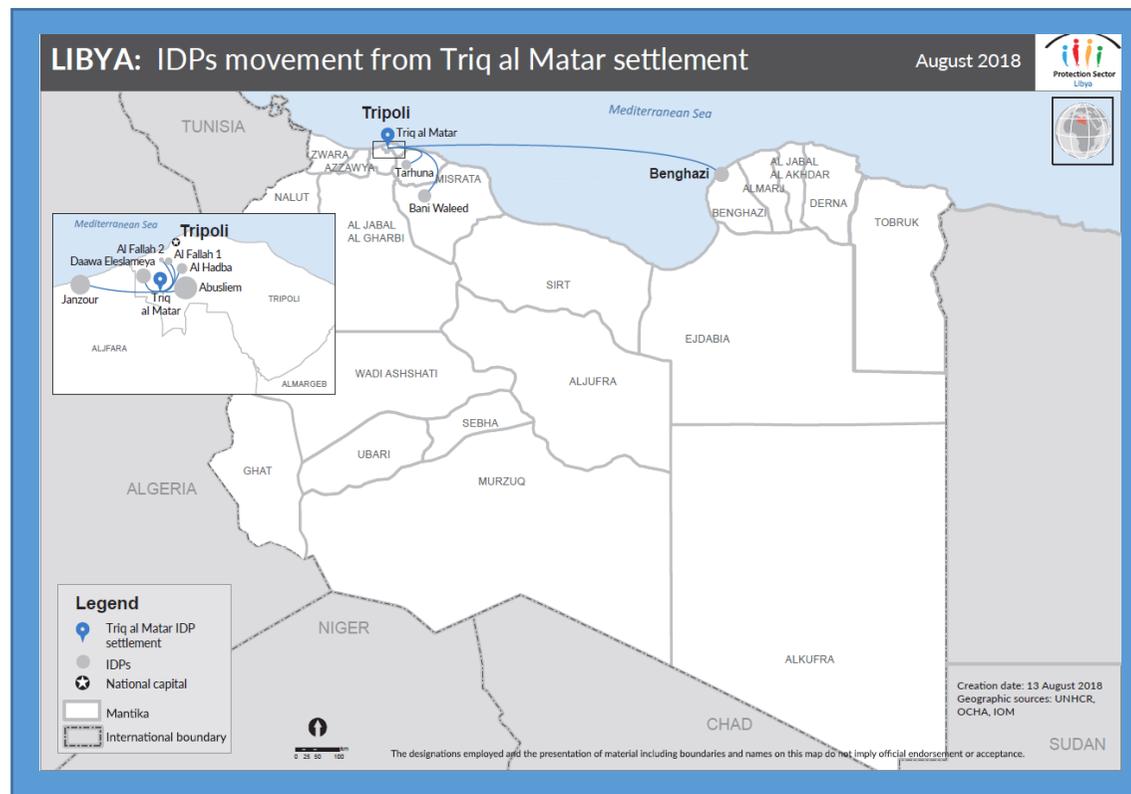


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The Forced Eviction and Mass Arrest in Tarik Al-Matar Settlement for Internally Displaced Persons

- Ninety-four families who temporarily sheltered in Sidi Sleem location¹ were evicted by the landlord. The families moved to a building that belongs to the Tripoli police near “Bawabit Eljebs”² with the help of a local militia in the area. According to UNHCR and CESVI, families registered themselves upon arrival to the new location where the total of registered families reached 246 households (HHs)³. However, during a field visit carried out by CESVI and UNHCR on August 12 and 13, it was found that around 65 HHs (150 individual) were present in the new location, which was made available for the families for the purpose of gathering only and not to establish themselves there. According to community leaders, the rest of registered families left the site looking for other alternatives. The families are not aware of how long they will be hosted in this location.
- CESVI identified the urgent needs as follow: WASH facilities, drinking water, food, medical services, MHPSS support, NFIs (, clothing, diapers and hygiene kits). The Protection Sector advises all humanitarian partners to coordinate with the IDP community leaders and the landlord to ensure no harm following any humanitarian interventions such as eviction.
- The new location consists of around 25 rooms but it lacks basic services (electricity, drinkable water, and non-functional WASH facilities). Several rooms have been allocated to 17 HHs while other families are staying in the open area inside Bawabit Eljebs.



¹ Sidi Sleem is an informal settlement used to host IDPs from Mashashin in 2011-2013.

² <https://goo.gl/maps/gMRn1JrW5iR2>

³ Families registered to have accommodation/ shelter



- While many evicted families are still looking for renting accommodation in different location in Libya, the protection sector members identify some of the location of the evicted families: Alda'awa Alislamyia in Tripoli 40 HHs, Sidi Sleem 90 HHs., Al-Flah 1 and 2 settlements 14 HHs, Janzour area 70 HHs, Tarhona 17 HHs, Bani Walid 32 HHs, Benghazi 41 HHs ⁴.
- According to interviewed community members, several families lost some of their belongings while trying to leave Tarik Al-Matar settlement the night of the eviction.
- At least 12 persons remain in detention. According to family members, detainees are kept in dire conditions. The Protection Sector and Human Rights' Department in UNSMIL continue advocacy efforts with different parties to release the remaining detainees.
- After being evicted, Some 40 families moved to stay in the yard of the traffic police building near Alda'awa Alislamyia (Islamic Call Society) in Tripoli. However, the number is expected to increase. They lack basic services such as shelter, food and water. CESVI distributed refreshments to those families.
- During the interviews with the evicted IDPs, few number expressed the intention to return to Tawergha, while many others have no intention to return due to feelings on insecurity and lack of basic services in Tawergha town.
- **Fear of eviction in Fallah1 and Fallah2 informal settlements:** during the conducted field visits on 12 August, the teams witnessed several families collecting their belongings in anticipation of possible sudden forced eviction. Majority of IDPs in the aforementioned settlements expressed concerns and fears to experience similar incidents to Tarik Al-Matar.
- According to different resources, Tarik Al-Matar informal settlement was looted after the eviction, including water pumps, generators and containers; among other things.
- A meeting was held on 12 August 2018, between and the State Minister of IDPs, HC/RC and the Protection Sector. The meeting aimed to prevent further evictions in Abuselim area, gather information about the locations of the evicted IDPs and carry out advocacy for a voluntary, safe and dignified return.
- During a meeting held between the State Minister of IDPs and HC/RC, LibAid shared their plan to establish a camp inside Tawergha town. They are planned to send NFIs assistance and tents to accommodate 45-70 families that are anticipated to return to Tawergha town. According to LibAid plan, the tents will be installed in different locations, along with providing basic services such as generator, water, WASH facilities, etc.
- During the meeting with the State minister of IDPs, he mentioned that the Libyan government has no plan to relocate the evicted IDPs to other locations inside Tripoli or other places. According the minster, the IDPs from Tawargha can only return to their town. However, the government has no budget or plan to re-build Tawargha now and IDPs shall contribute to rebuild their houses⁵;
- According to the state monster of IDPs,The Libyan authority has open internal investigation on the forced eviction happened in Tarik Al-Matar⁶;

General protection concerns:

- There are physically challenged persons including disabled people. All disabled people interviewed by UNHCR had relatives to take care of them, who expressed particular difficulties and additional burden in ensuring their welfare given the situation in the temporary site. There are also pregnant and lactating mothers who still looking for renting and permanent shelter/accommodation;
- The interviewed evicted IDPs highlighted accommodation/ shelter as their priority.
- Some IDPs mentioned their intention to leave Libya as they don't feel safe in the country and they don't see any durable solutions happening soon;
- The evicted IDPs noted that the conflict situation and 8 years of displacement in and now eviction exposed them to much distress and lack of dignity. The team observed that most people were looking very sad/distressed of their unknown future and lack any means to support on deciding the follow up steps;

⁴ The locations and number of IDPs continue changing as IDPs still in move and looking for accommodation

⁵ From the meeting between IDPs, HC/RC and protection sector.

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