

Italy Warns of the Islamic State's (IS) Potential Arrival in Libya

On 10 September, Italian Defence Minister Roberta Pinotti warned of the real possibility of the Islamic State (IS) making its way to Libya. During a meeting of Europe's Defence Ministers in Milan, Minister Pinotti was quoted saying, "should the Libyan condition worsen, that area could become another threat linked to the Islamist State of Iraq and Syria". And, such a scenario would heighten the threat to Europe. As such, Pinotti called for improved collaboration amongst European intelligence agencies in order to address the possibility. In addition, she confirmed that Italy would continue to work to find a political solution to Libya's current crisis. While many countries have chosen to evacuate their embassies in Libya, the Italian embassy remains open.

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