

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi Warns That Situation in Libya May Have Repercussions for Europe

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi warned that the situation in Libya may have repercussions for Europe. Renzi, speaking in front of the European Parliament, also stated that Europe—and Italy in particular—faces a serious issue stemming from the influx of immigrants crossing the Mediterranean Sea via Libya. According to Renzi, Italy cannot ignore the situation in Libya, or the Arab world in general, and must pay it proper attention. The European Parliament's Rapporteur for Libya, Portuguese MEP Ana Gomes, praised Renzi's remarks stating that they represented the first instance a European politician has publicly discussed the seriousness of the situation in Libya.

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