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### **New Amnesty International report on militias in Libya**

On 5 July, two days before national elections are scheduled to take place in the country, Amnesty International is releasing a new report on militias in Libya.

The report details how ongoing human rights abuses risk overshadowing this historic moment and propelling the country on the wrong path. Impunity for unlawful killings, arbitrary arrests and detention, torture including to death and forcible displacement prevails in Libya.

The report will call on the Libyan authorities - including the eventual winners of national elections - to publicly admit the scale and gravity of human rights abuses; unequivocally condemn them and send a message that such abuses will not be tolerated in post-Gaddafi Libya.

The report is based on an Amnesty International fact-finding visit to Libya in May and June that included research in and around Benghazi, Kufra, the Nafousa Mountain, Sabha, Tripoli and al-Zawiya. Access was sought to nineteen detention centres in western, southern and eastern Libya, including official prisons and detention centres run by armed militias and semi-official security and military bodies.

**When:** The report will be released on Thursday 5 July at 0001hrs GMT.

**Spokespeople (London):**

- Diana Eltahawy, Libya researcher, is available for interview in English or Arabic.
- Hassiba Hadj Sahraoui, Middle East and North Africa Deputy Director, is available in French.

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