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EL HIBLU 3, MALTA

**THEY OPPOSED
TORTURE, NOW
THEY FACE
PRISON**

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Before they were known as the El Hiblu 3, they were three teenagers with a passion for football and basketball. Aged 15, 16 and 19 at the time, they wanted what we all do: a safer, better life.

That common goal brought them from Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire to Libya. Desperate to escape the violence and torture cells reserved for refugees and migrants there, they boarded a dinghy with over 100 others bound for Europe.



The dinghy soon ran into trouble and was rescued by the El Hiblu, an oil transporter. The El Hiblu's crew then tried to return those rescued to Libya – which was unlawful – despite promising that they wouldn't.

A protest broke out. The three youths were asked to help calm the situation. Acting as interpreters, they defended the right of those rescued not to face torture again in Libya. The crew turned the ship towards Europe.

However, as it entered Malta's waters, the Maltese authorities stormed the ship, claiming the three had taken it by force. They charged the youths with offences so serious that they could be jailed for life.

The three youths had simply tried to defend their safety and to protect those rescued with them. Now they're in the dock.

Demand justice for the El Hiblu 3.

WRITE TO MALTA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL

Tell the Attorney General to drop all charges against the El Hiblu 3 and close the case.

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Salutation: Your Excellency

STAND WITH THE EL HIBLU 3

Send them your messages of solidarity and hope. Be sure to take a photograph of your message and post it on your social media channels, tagging it #ElHiblu3.

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