



Universal Periodic Review – 2020 – Libya

Oral Statement by Youth Gathering for Tawargha

This statement is delivered on behalf of Youth Gathering for Tawargha.

The Libyan State has not consulted with us before sending their national report.

Between 2015 and 2018, reconciliation agreements between two the cities failed with the support of UNSML. On June 3, 2018, the local council president signed a deeply flawed agreement compromised the rights of the Tawargha people.

After this agreement, about 450 families returned to the city of Tawargha, but the situation in the city is still poor.

In 2018, we conducted a survey for 840 victims of arbitrary detention across different parts in Libya including Tripoli, and Benghazi and the result was 99% of them reported being tortured. 73% of the victims were never brought before a judge for up to five years, 93% did not receive any medical care in detention.

the government have not provided any real services to the returning IDPs or in the camps due to the Corona pandemic, despite the huge funds allocated for this.

More than 3,200 families are still distributed in very poor conditions, and produce a number of deaths every time armed clashes take place near the camps.

Abu Salim militia in Tripoli also evacuated the Airport Road camp by force of arms, wounding a number of residents, arresting 33 people, and killing one person in unclear circumstances.

The Libyan State in the Last UPR cycle in 2015 accepted ten recommendations related to the protection of IDPs from human rights abuses, ensuring reconciliation and the right to return to

their places of origin. However, the Libyan State and its affiliated militias have failed to uphold their promises and ensure basic fundamental rights to the Tawerghans IDPs.

Recommendations:

- 1- The Libyan State must fulfill its duties in protecting the IDPs from all forms of attacks, and population while ensuring the safety of women and children.
- 2- The Libyan State must put more efforts in identifying and finding the people who went missing since 2011.
- 3- Prohibit all kinds of discrimination against IDPs including on the basis of political affiliation, color or descent.
- 4- Ensure that a new municipal council is elected, as Tawergha residents have not yet been able to elect their municipal council.