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PART ONE : READING

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Read the text below and do all the activities that follow it

Migrants from West Africa being 'sold in Libyan slave markets'

West African migrants are being bought and sold openly in modern-day slave markets in

Libya, survivors have told a UN agency helping them return home.

Trafficked people passing through Libya have previously reported violence, extortion and slave labour. But the new testimony from the International Organization for Migration suggests that the trade in human beings has become so normalised that people are being traded in public.

"The latest reports of 'slave markets' for migrants can be added to a long list of outrages" said Mohammed Abdiker, IOM's head of operation and emergencies. "The situation is dire. The more IOM engages inside Libya, the more we learn that it is a vale of tears for all too many migrants."

The North African nation is a major exit point for refugees from Africa trying to take boats to Europe. But since the overthrow of autocratic leader Muammar Gaddafi, the vast, sparsely populated country has slid into violent chaos and migrants with little cash and usually no papers are particularly vulnerable.

One 34-year-old survivor from Senegal said he was taken to a dusty lot in the south Libyan city of Sabha after crossing the desert from Niger in a bus organised by people smugglers. The group had paid to be taken to the coast, where they planned to risk a boat trip to Europe, but their driver suddenly said middlemen had not passed on his fees and put his passengers up for sale.

"Several other migrants confirmed his story, independently describing kinds of slave markets as well as kinds of private prisons all over in Libya."

Many other migrants flee Libya with similar stories, said Giuseppe Loprete, chief of mission at IOM Niger. "It's very clear they see themselves as being treated as slaves," he said.

Loprete's office has arranged for the repatriation of 1,500 people in the first three months of this year – almost the same number as in the whole of 2015. He fears more horrors are likely to emerge.

The organisation is working to spread awareness across West Africa of the horrors of the journey through the personal stories of those who return. Though most migrants know the boat trips to Europe are extremely risky, fewer realise they may face even worse dangers in Libya before even reaching the coast.

"Tragically, the most credible messengers are migrants returning home with IOM help," said spokesman Leonard Doyle. "Too often they are broken, brutalised and have been abused. Their voices carry more weight than anyone else's."

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COMPREHENSION CHECK

A, Vocabulary

Find in the text the words or expressions corresponding to the following meanings or definitions. The indicated lines will help you. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1-testimony

1. declaration (line 4)
2. atrocity; inhumanity (line 6)
3. sudden unforeseen crisis that requires immediate action (line 7)
4. very bad (line 7)
5. removal from power by force (line 11)
6. scarcely (line 12)
7. moved; went (line 12)
8. traffickers (line 16)
9. intermediaries (line 17)
10. knowledge (line 26)
11. someone who speaks on behalf of a group (31)

B. True or False statements

Read the text and decide whether the following statements are true or false. Write T for true and F for false. Quote the line(s) to justify your answers. Example: 1-F(line 1)

1. West African migrants bought and sold slaves in Libyan markets.
2. Illegal immigrants have Libya as their final destination.
3. These migrants are illtreated in Libya.
4. The trade in human beings is secretly done in Libya.
5. According to Mohamed Abdker, the slave market for migrants is not the only harm done to illegal immigrants.
6. Libya is the sole nation through which African migrants can pass to Europe.
7. Violence existed in Libya during the rule of Kaddafi.
8. The 34 year-old Senegalese joined Libya by boat.
9. Loprete is optimistic about the lives of West African migrants in Libya.
10. Through the story of those who return, the IOM mission is trying to dissuade West Africans to attempt the journey.
11. Migrants returning home are satisfied with their attempt.

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE

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A-Choose the right option among the suggested ones between brackets. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1-its

"The EU is yet again outsourcing 1(its –it's – it) responsibility to protect the rights of migrants and refugees with 2(no – non – not) guarantees about what will happen to the many men, women and children after they have 3(being - been - be) returned to Libya.

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