

Lochbihler: The arrest of the ICC staff members shows Libya's problems

On the arrest of four staff member of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the Libyan region of Zintan Barbara Lochbihler (Greens/EFA, DE), Chair of the Committee on Human Rights of the European Parliament, comments:

The arrest of the staff members of the ICC shows exemplarily which problems Libya still faces. The Interim Government shows good will to ensure the rule of law, but is often powerless against the countless rival and heavily armed militias.

The staff members of the ICC have to be immediately dismissed. Libya has indeed not signed the Rom Statute of the ICC, but according to UN-Resolution 1970 it is obliged to work with the ICC. The Government in Tripoli has now to influence the Zintan militias, until the staff of the ICC is free.

Saif al-Islam Gaddafi has to be taken to the court - in Libya, if the country is able to to guarante a fair trial, otherwise to the ICC in The Hague. In that context it should be considered that Gaddafi's son is still not under state control, he is in the hands of the Zintan militia. Their followers do not shrink from arresting staff of the ICC. Everything indicates that a trial in The Hague would be more appropriate in the sense of the international fight against impunity.

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