

Tunisia: Protect Migrant Camp Residents Human Rights Watch June 23, 2011 (...) Tunisia should better protect the more than 3,000 foreign nationals who fled Libya and remain vulnerable in the Choucha camp in its territory, Human Rights Watch said today.

Several violent incidents in May 2011 left at least six migrants in the camp dead, and parts of the camp destroyed by fire. The Tunisian military, which provides security at the camp, failed to prevent the violence, and may have taken part in some attacks on camp residents, Human Rights Watch said.

"The people from other countries fleeing violence in Libya, especially sub-Saharan Africans, are among the most vulnerable civilians in the conflict," said Joe Stork, deputy Middle East and North Africa director at Human Rights Watch. "Tunisia should hold accountable anyone found to have used unwarranted or excessive force against others in the Choucha camp, and work to improve camp protection." (...) (...) "Tunisia rightly opened its borders to people fleeing the fighting in Libya, both Libyans and non-Libyan refugees and migrants," Stork said. "But more needs to be done now to ensure that these people are not subject to harassment or violence in what should be a safe haven." (...) See full [article](#) .