



## Italian Court Ruling Against Returning Sea Migrants

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Italy's highest court, the Court of Cassation, ruled that **it is illegal to return rescued sea migrants to Libya**.

- The court's ruling is based on the [principle of non-refoulement](#) that forbids the forced return of people to countries where their lives or rights are at risk.
  - The court's ruling affirms Libya as unsafe for migrants, highlighting the risk of "inhuman and degrading treatment" in detention centres under coastguards and militias if returned.
- Italy's top court ruling that it is illegal to return sea migrants to Libya aligns with **Article 98 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)**.
  - This article obligates **states to help anyone found at sea** in danger of being lost and to rescue those in distress if they can do so without serious danger to their own ship or people.



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