

OMH SCRIPT  
Arabic voice No Nat sound

**Title:** **Burying Drowned Migrants in Libya**

**DETAILS:** Libya is one of the departures points for migrants to reach Europe. Mediterranean Sea claims many lives as these migrants try this perilous crossing. According to UNHCR, an estimated 5000 have died in 2016 – the deadliest year ever - while attempting the crossing.

**Slug** Volunteers in Zuwarah collected 160 bodies of migrants washed up on their shores.

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**1/ Pitch Story**

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While many bodies are never recovered, some wash up on the southern shores of the Mediterranean where they had left from.

The gruesome task of collecting these bodies is left to the local communities helped by the Red crescent. Volunteers in Zuwarah, North West Libya, collected 160 bodies of migrants washed up on their beaches in 2016

**2/Shot list and script:**

**Shot list:**

Various Bodies beaches / sea  
Red Crescent pick up body bags  
ITW Arabic  
Red Crescent pick up bodies  
Digging up Bodies

ITW Arabic  
Various wide many body bags  
Travelling shot shoreline

**Script:**

Libya is one of the departures points for migrants to reach Europe. The Mediterranean Sea claims many lives as these migrants try this perilous crossing. According to the IOM (International Organization for Migration) over 3000 have died while attempting the crossing.

While many bodies are never recovered, some wash up on the shores they had left from. The gruesome task of collecting these bodies is left to the local communities helped by the Red crescent.

For months' volunteers, have worked to retrieve these bodies and their remains in the town of Zuwarah .

**Script:**

The bodies of migrants, lying on the beaches of the southern shores of the Mediterranean have tragically become a common occurrence in the town of Zuwarah in western Libya,

Along these beaches, 160 bodies have been recovered in 2016, according the Red Crescent Society in Zuwarah

ITV: Arabic; Sami Musa a citizen of the town of Zuwarah

*"I live near the sea, and sometimes we find the bodies, the foul smell of these corpses have an impact on our health and our society. This phenomenon is of concern to us, it's a human tragedy for all these victims. I have become afraid for my children, I don't want to go to sea anymore, and I'm afraid for them from diseases and viruses transmitted from the decomposition of corpses"*

For the Mayor Essa Saaed Salem the issue of these migrants is twofold;

ITV: Arabic; Essa Saeed Salem mayor in charge of Zuwarah

*"Zuwarah municipality has completely eliminated the phenomenon of migration from the city and its beaches, the anti-crime office is fighting this phenomenon. But the problem of the corpses carried by ocean currents towards the shores of the city remains and we are facing this problem with difficulty; Dealing with the backlog of corpses is not easy, these are human beings like us, we must respect their religion and their humanity and documenting their death for their family. We call on help from the international community to help the coastal towns adjacent to intensify efforts to curb immigration and to help us"*

Despite the security cordon imposed on the city beach, the people of Zuwarah wonder what and when this tragedy will end.

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