

Italy and Tunisia Call for Political Settlement in Libya



Tunis, February 26 (RHC)-- Italy and Tunisia have called for reconciliation among warring sides in Libya, saying a political settlement is the only solution to weather the crisis in the North African nation. The two countries issued a joint statement on Wednesday, urging militias of the war-racked country to arrive at a compromise solution, media reports said.

"Today we agreed on the fact that the solution of the conflict (in Libya) should not be military. It is necessary that the solution is a political one," Tunisian Foreign Minister Taieb Baccouche said after meeting his Italian counterpart Paolo Gentiloni in Tunis.

"Military solutions will not solve problems. They complicate them further and lead to mass migration." The Italian diplomat, for his part, noted that dialogue is Libya's only hope. "Italy is committed to support by any means the commitment of the UN envoy" and to "put the Libyan issue top of the global agenda," Gentiloni said.

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