

# Nello Scavo

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An extensive journalistic investigation on the shores of the Mediterranean, looking for connections between criminal networks and institutions in the progressive institutionalization of the capture and torture of migrants and refugees. Human beings are used as unconventional weapons in proxy conflicts. Which states are involved? What was the subject of the negotiation with the militias in Libya? What is the content of the secret agreements of countries like Italy and Malta with Tripoli?

In this spirit, the project that I am submitting to you concerns a journalistic inquiry that manages to offer an exhaustive picture of the attack on human rights that has Libya at the center but that holds together all the other routes to Europe. Turkey's decisions on Libya, for example, condition migratory flows to Europe. Equal repercussions have the choices of Turkey and Russia (not surprisingly countries that have become protagonists of the Libyan conflict) on Syria.

Furthermore, having agreed to the regression of human rights in Libya has accustomed public opinion to accepting violations along the Balkan route, including European Union countries such as Slovenia and Croatia. All this has made it possible to criminalize solidarity. Pursuing (I would say, persecuting) civil aid organizations and leading those who have committed stains to the "solidarity crime" before the courts.

But there is not only Libya. Migrants are used as an unconventional war weapon. This is the case of Turkey, where we have told in person the movements of thousands of refugees and organized by the Ankara authorities to Greece, to create instability and reopen economic negotiations with Europe. At the same time, Greece used these circumstances to reassemble the internal front, also gathering support from paramilitary groups from the far right across Europe.

Furthermore, every effort should be made to document the massacres at sea. To give a name and a face to those who have drowned. Thousands are missing. But what do we really know about them? In these years I have known many "Samaritans". Still others are hidden in Libya. Entrepreneurs who pretend to buy slaves, in reality under the pretext of buying prisoners from the torture camps and keeping them with them, freeing them from the torturers. Like small and unknown desert Shindlers, they do everything possible to save some human life. Others, such as rescuers of the sea (civil and military), dissidents of the armed forces, cshermen who save lives according to the "law of the sea", families who have opened their homes to the "foreigner", in the most didcult places such as Turkey, Syria, Greece, the Balkans and the rest of Europe They are those who protect the "genome" of our generation, keeping alive the European identity that others are trying to manipulate.