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Libyan citizens stand in vote registration station waiting to obtain registration cards for the first time in their lives.

Over 2.25 Million Libyans have Registered to Vote

Tripoli-As of Wednesday 16 May, statistics released by the Higher National Elections Commission, HNEC, shows that 2,253,418 people have registered to vote in Libya.

The HNEC's statistics also show that 137 political bodies have registered with it along with 2,476 individual candidates, 1049 candidates from party lists and 310 voting lists.

It is expected that the number of registered voters will rise further during the remaining 6 days of extended registration as well as the number of candidates.

The HNEC also said that

the first shipment of voting equipments and tools including special ink and voting booths had arrived in Tripoli on Wednesday from Belgium. Another shipment will also arrive soon

He also said that a total of 500 candidates have submitted their candidacy to the country's electoral commission ahead of the June 19 polls.

HRW Calls on NATO to Investigate all Potentially Unlawful Attacks in Libya

Human Rights Watch (HRW) said on Monday 14 May that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has failed to acknowledge dozens of civilian casualties from air strikes during its 2011 Libya campaign, and has not investigated possible unlawful attacks.

It called on NATO to investigate all potentially unlawful attacks and said NATO should also address civilian casualties from its air strikes in Libya at the NATO heads of state summit, taking place in Chicago on May 20 and 21, HRW said.

The 76-page report,

"Unacknowledged Deaths: Civilian Casualties in NATO's Air Campaign in Libya," examines in detail eight NATO air strikes in Libya that resulted in 72 civilian deaths, including 20 women and 24 children.

It is based on one or more field investigations on each of

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Libya Build 2012 to Open Sunday

Libya Build 2012, the 8th International Building and Construction Exhibition, is to open on Sunday 20 May and it will continue until Thursday.

Over 550 foreign and local companies will be participating this year. Among which Dubai Investment and ODAC firm. A large number of Italian and Turkish, French and Maltese companies will also attend.

Libya build is considered one of the biggest trade shows in Libya and it is continuing to grow.

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