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Relatives of prisoners meeting their beloved ones after their release from Abu Salim Prison in Tripoli, 15 October 2009.

Libya Frees 88 Prisoners Belong to LIFG, Jihadist Groups

Tripoli- In a move welcomed by so many in Libya, the authorities on Thursday freed 88 prisoners from Abu Salim prison in Tripoli.

The Human Rights Association at Gaddafi Foundation said in a joint statement with another five civil societies that "45 members of the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) and 43 members of other jihadist groups were

freed" from Abu Salim on Thursday.

The statement said the latest release of prisoners is part of the continuous efforts by the Foundation which had already succeeded in releasing another one hundred of LIFG prisoners last year.

The Foundation is also keenly concerned with socially rehabilitating the prisoners, the statement said.

One of the freed prisoners told The Tripoli Post's correspondent that he felt happy to be released and that he was deeply convinced that what he did in the past was not right.

Many of those who were interviewed made it clear that they repented and some of them told the story as to how they got involved with extremist groups.

They said they were at young

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UN Rights Chief Backs Report on Israeli War Crimes in Gaza

The U.N.'s top human rights official backed a report Thursday accusing Israeli forces of war crimes during their conflict in Gaza last winter.

Navi Pillay's endorsement of the report by an expert group led by Judge Richard Goldstone came as Israel warned the U.N. Human Rights Council that

approving the document risked undermining Middle East peace.

Pillay told the 47-member council that she supported the report's recommendations, "including its call for urgent action to counter impunity" - meaning that Israel must investigate and prosecute those

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'Ayrilik', A New Turkish TV Drama Series Exposes Israeli War Crimes in Gaza. Read story on Page 12

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