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**Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms  
of intolerance, follow-up and implementation of the  
Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

### **Written statement\* submitted by Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples (MRAP), a non- governmental organization on the roster**

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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\* This written statement is issued, unedited, in the language(s) received from the submitting non-governmental organization(s).

## **A contemporary form of racism: the recurrent evictions of Roma in Milan (Italy)**

MRAP is deeply concerned about the wave of evictions of Roma and Sinti, ongoing in Milan since November 2009 which is the direct consequence of a discriminatory policy adopted by the Italian government, in particular through the implementation of the so-called *Nomad Emergency Decree*.

Here below is the list <sup>1</sup> of the evictions (January – April 2010) compiled <sup>2</sup> by Naga (Associazione Volontaria di Assistenza socio-Sanitaria e per I Diritti di Stranieri e Nomadi) and ERRC (European Roma Rights Center) on the basis of some media and NGO reports. The aim of this list is to provide a snapshot of recent eviction activity in Milan revealing the intensity and frequency of the government's efforts.

1. 14 January: via Forlanini: 14 Romanian Roma (including 5 children); 9 shacks and 2 tents demolished. Families refused alternative accommodation in reception centres of the municipality as families would have been broken up.
2. 15 January: via Sarca: about 40 Romanian Roma evicted from private property; 20 houses (shacks, tents) demolished.
3. 19 January: Piazza Tirana: 30 Romanian Roma (including 12 children); 6 shacks with the properties were demolished.
4. 19 January: Municipality of Rho (near Milan): demolition of a house on land owned by 3 families of Romanian Roma (10 persons).
5. 19 January: via Gonin: 11 Romanian Roma; 6 shacks demolished. Maurizio Pagani, person in charge of "Opera Nomadi" said: "Parents were threatened that their children would be taken away from them if they refused to move."
6. 21 January: via Sant'Arialdo (Chiaravalle): 95 Romanian Roma (including 31 children) evicted; 83 shacks demolished. Alternative accommodation was offered just for women and children, which was refused as families would have been broken up.
7. 28 January: via Cristina Belgioioso: about 60 Romanian Roma evicted by 40 local police officers; 10 shacks were destroyed.
8. 29 January: via Molinetto da Lorenteggio: about 100 Romanian Roma previously evicted from via Rubattino (November 2009) and Chiaravalle.
9. 29 January: via Giambellino: eviction of Romanian Roma previously evicted from Rubattino.
10. 31 January: via Molinetto da Lorenteggio: 25 Romanian Roma, who lived in 9 cars, evicted from the same area evicted two days before.
11. 31 January: via Giambellino: about 20 Romanian Roma expelled from the same area evicted two days before.

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<sup>1</sup> Sources: Press Release from Riccardo De Corato, Deputy-Mayor of Milan (municipality) and councillor for security; Italian press (La Repubblica, Corriere della Sera, Avvenire, Il Giorno, Libero, Il Giornale, Omnimilano, Redattore Sociale, AGI, CronacaQui, Ansa, Apcom, [www.chiesadimilano.it](http://www.chiesadimilano.it), Apcom, Milanotoday)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.errc.org/cms/upload/file/urgent-response-needed-to-recurrent-evictions-of-roma-in-milan-italy.pdf>

12. 2 February: Bovisa (via Siccoli): 48 Romanian Roma evicted, all already evicted from Rubattino. Alternative accommodation provided but families refused because accommodation offered would result in family break-up.
13. 2 February: Overpass Bacula: 10 Romanian Roma evicted from highway overpass.
14. 3 February: Cascina Gatti: in the municipality of Sesto San Giovanni (near Milan); 20 Roma.
15. 4 February: settlement in via Rogoredo: under bridges of Tangential Est; about 90 Romanian Roma evicted.
16. 5 February: Municipality of Rho (near Milan): three evictions in a day.
17. 8 February: settlement in Alzaia Naviglio: 15 Romanian Roma evicted; 7 shacks destroyed.
18. 9 February: via Vaiano Valle (Chiaravalle):; about 120 Romanian Roma (including approximately 60 children). Eviction took place while it snowed.
19. 9 February: Piazza Tirana: Some Romanian Roma families including 7 children previously evicted on January 19, were evicted from public square.
20. 9 February: Overpass Bacula: 10 tents destroyed.
21. 9 February: Overpass Gordiani: eviction of Romanian Roma.
22. 9 February: via Giambellino: 1 shack demolished.
23. 9 February: via Cardinal Tosi: 15 caravans of about 50 Sinti were moved away.
24. 9 February: piazzale Lugano: 15 Romanian Roma evicted.
25. 16 February: via Cassanese municipality of Segrate (near via Rubattino): about 130 Romanian Roma evicted. All the shacks were destroyed. Families refused alternative accommodation in reception centres of the municipality because it would have resulted in family break-up.
26. 16 February: via Rubattino and Segrate: on the same day the Roma were evicted 3 times (from Lavanderie di Segrate, then from via Rubattino, then from Segrate). After two days, 13 Roma families (about 60 people) finally found accommodation in an industrial structure in agreement with the municipality of Segrate.. Another group was housed temporarily in a church (about 50 people).
27. 18 February: via Boffalora: 30 Romanian Roma evicted.
28. 24 February: Bovisa (via Carlo Reale-via Bovisasca): 16 Romanian Roma (including 6 children) evicted. 5 shacks were destroyed with property inside.
29. 25 February: Bovisa (via Carlo Reale-via Bovisasca): the same 16 Romanian Roma evicted from the same area the day before.
30. 26 February: cavalcavia Vulcano: 60 Romanian Roma evicted from the area of Cavalcavia Vulcano in the municipality of Sesto San Giovanni (near Milano).
31. 9 March: via Bonfadini-via Pestegalli: 40 Romanian Roma evicted and 15 shacks demolished.
32. 10 March: Bovisa (via Durando): 50 Romanian Roma evicted.
33. 18 March: via Bisceglie-Ciconi: 60 Romanian Roma evicted; 20 shacks demolished.
34. 23 March: Bacula (via Colico): 40 Romanian Roma evicted; 20 shacks and tents demolished.

35. 25 March: via Parri: 60 Romanian Roma evicted from Fontanili Park, 30 shacks demolished.
36. 1 April: Bacula (via Ardissonne): 60 Romanian Roma evicted, 17 tents and 4 shacks demolished.
37. 1 April: Piazzale Lodi: 3 Romanian Roma evicted.
38. 6 April: via Zama: 7 Romanian Roma evicted from unused public dwelling.
39. 6 April: via Tosi: 50 Italian Sinti (from Sicily) and their caravans evicted.
40. 8 April: via Selvanesco: 3 tents and 7 shacks demolished.
41. 9 April: Bovisa (via Siccoli): 70 Romanian Roma evicted; 15 shacks demolished.
42. 9 April: via Pepe: 15 Roma evicted.
43. 9 April: Ponte delle Milizie: 15 Roma evicted.
44. 12 April: via Cannelli: 10 Romanian Roma evicted.
45. 14 April: Peschiera Borromeo and via Caduti di Marcinelle: 70 Spanish Roma arrived and parked their cars and caravans in a parking area in Peschiera Borromeo (municipality near Milan), but police evicted them. Then, they parked their vehicles in via Caduti di Marcinelle (Milan, near via Rubattino), but police evicted them again.
46. 14 April: Bacula: 15 tents demolished; 10 Romanian Roma denounced because of abusive occupation. Riccardo De Corato, Deputy-mayor of Milan (municipality) and councillor for security, said: "It's the third time we have evicted this area in a month."
47. 14 April: Alzaia Naviglio Grande: Romanian Roma evicted.
48. 14 April: San Cristoforo Station: Romanian Roma evicted.
49. 16 April: via Curiel: two caravans evicted. The owner of one of the caravans received a 450 Euro fine.
50. 16 April: via Margaria: 6 shacks on public property demolished; 15 Romanian Roma evicted. Riccardo De Corato, Deputy-mayor of Milan (municipality) and councillor for security, said: "Since the beginning of 2010 we have realized 65 evictions from private or public areas."
51. 19 April: via Tosi: 28 Italian Sinti (from Sicily) (16 adults and 12 children) evicted. 8 owners of vehicles received 450 EUR fines.
52. 20 April: via Sant'Arialdo (Chiaravalle): 70 Romanian Roma evicted and 18 shacks demolished; 20 men denounced because of abusive occupation. Riccardo De Corato, Deputy-Mayor of Milan (municipality) and councillor for security, commented on this action, saying: "243 evictions since 2007."
53. 20 April: via Caduti di Marcinelle: eviction of 60 caravans of 200 Spanish Roma.
54. 20 April: Greco-Pirelli Station: 30 Romanian Roma evicted from an unused building.
55. 20 April: via Molinetto di Lorenteggio 15 Romanian Roma evicted.
56. 22 April: Ponte delle Milizie: 50 Romanian Roma evicted, 15 shacks demolished.
57. 25 April: via Rubattino: 230 Spanish Roma (52 caravans) evicted. Riccardo De Corato, Deputy-mayor of Milan (municipality) and councillor for security, said: "Since the beginning of 2010 we have realised 71 evictions in Milan."

58. 27 April: via Cardinal Tosi: 35 Italian Sinti evicted (9 caravans); each caravan fined 450 Euro, according to the decree against camping.

59. 28 April: Bacula (Piazza Lugano): 20 Romanian Roma evicted. 15 tents demolished. 8 men denounced because of abusive occupation; alternative accommodation offered just for women and children, but refused.

60. 28 April: San Cristoforo Station: 2 Romanian Roma denounced and evicted.

61. 28 April: Piazza Tirana: 10 Romanian Roma evicted and their small tents demolished.

MRAP urges the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to investigate on the matter and to engage, in collaboration with the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing in constructive dialogue with Italian authorities to bring an end to the discriminatory policy targeting Roma and Sinti.