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- Nothing Significant To Report (NSTR)

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SUMMARY

Key Points

- UN proposes new initiative
- Political tensions to escalate
- HCS accepts HoR Constitutional Amendment

Political

The absence of a solution to the political deadlock and continuing legitimacy crisis over the GNU's mandate continue to define the context of heightened political uncertainty. In the current context, there are two political initiatives at odds with one another. The pro Al-Meshri bloc within the High Council of State (HCS) recently voted in favour of the House of Representatives' (HoR) 13TH constitutional amendment, while key international actors have announced support for the political initiative proposed by UN SRSG Abdoulaye Bathily.

Intense political manoeuvring will likely define the next few weeks against the backdrop of Bathily's proposed formation of a High-level Steering Panel for Libya. Key contentious issues such as the eligibility of dual nationals and military officials to run for president will continue to divide Libyan stakeholders and undermine progress towards a solution to the stalemate.

The UN SRSG's proposal is already facing resistance from key domestic actors such as the HoR. Consequently, Whispering Bell assesses actors opposed to the UN-led initiative will double down on their campaigns to form a new unified government as a hedge against the UN push to establish a new dialogue forum. In turn, renewed efforts to form a new government will mount the pressure on the GNU and PM Abdul Hamid Dbeibah. Amid US pressure to hold elections, Dbeibah may be compelled to reshuffle his cabinet and/or organise limited legislative elections. Of note, Dbeibah announced the formation of a government committee to implement and coordinate elections on 09 March, while Bathily provided further details on his proposal to form a High-Level Steering Panel for Libya in a press briefing on 11 March.

Security

Tripoli is operational and continues to present a relatively permissive operational environment. Sporadic incidents will continue to define security atmospherics in the western region. From a security standpoint, the status quo and stable atmospherics are set to remain as is in Tripoli. Low-impact and localised flashpoints outside government offices are possible but are unlikely to escalate or impact business operations. Targeted attacks against HoR MPs, HCS members, and other political figures are likely as political tensions peak over the next few weeks.

Oil & Gas

Disruptions to production are likely despite evidence the LNA is yet to support a coordinated oil blockade. In his latest visit to Libya, US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William Burns allegedly reiterated to Haftar the importance of safeguarding oil and gas facilities and production.

TRIPOLI

- **Report n°6236:** Tripoli: Bathily meets Dbeibah & Menfi

UN SRSG Aboulaye Bathily met with GNU Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah and Foreign Minister Najla Al-Mangoush and briefed them on his visits to Sudan, Niger, and Chad surrounding the withdrawal of foreign fighters and mercenaries from Libya on 10 April. Dbeibah affirmed his support for the UN's efforts in the security track and to hold elections in 2023.

Separately, Bathily met with Presidential Council (PC) Head Mohamed Menfi and briefed him on his visits to Libya's southern neighbouring countries, as well as the work of the 5+5 Joint Military Commission (JMC) including their latest meeting in Benghazi and his visit to Sabha. Bathily stressed the importance of the PC's role in supporting the various tracks to hold elections this year.

Analysis/Comment: No further information.

Location: PM Office; PC 's HQ

Incident Date: 10 April

Timestamp: Unknown

Source: Social Media

Veracity: B

Actors: UN; GNU; PC

Impact: Low

Recommendations:

Continue to monitor details surrounding high-profile meetings held across the capital.

- **Report n°6237:** Tripoli: West 5+5 JMC brief Menfi on Benghazi meeting

The western members of the 5+5 Joint Military Commission (JMC) briefed Presidential Council (PC) Head Mohamed Menfi on the results of the Tripoli and Benghazi meetings in the presence of PC Deputy Head Abdallah Al-Lafi, GNU Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, and GNU Chief of Staff (CoS) Mohamed Al-Haddad on 10 April. Al-Haddad also briefed the attendees on the latest steps to unify the military establishment.

Analysis/Comment: No further information.

Location: PC 's Office

Incident Date: 10 April

Timestamp: Unknown

Source: Social Media

Veracity: B

Actors: JMC; PC; GNU

Impact: Low

Recommendations:

Continue to monitor details surrounding high-profile meetings held across the capital.

- **Report n°6238:** Unconfirmed: GNU to allow Abou Rass to return to Tripoli

Unconfirmed reports allege the GNU, at the recommendation of the Presidential Council (PC), will allow Presidential Guard (PG)/Tripoli Revolutionaries Brigade (TRB) commander Ayoub Abou Rass to return to Tripoli next week. Reports allege Abou Rass will be appointed as the commander of a new security apparatus upon his return.

Analysis/Comment: The PG withdrew from their last HQ at Al-Saadawi Camp and were offered a safe passage out of Tripoli in a deal brokered with the 444 Fighting Brigade in Sep 2022. The PG's expulsion from the capital followed increased pressure from the Special Deterrence Force (SDF) to hand over their bases and depart the capital.

Location: N/A
Incident Date: N/A
Timestamp: N/A
Source: Unconfirmed Social Media
Veracity: C
Actors: PG; TRB
Impact: Low

Recommendations:
 Continue to monitor the unconfirmed reports of local militias across the capital.

NATIONWIDE / GENERAL

- **CCLC reopens voter registration system**

The Central Committee for Local Elections (CCLC) announced the reopening of the voter registration system after it was suspended over recent days due to an update of the electronic platform of the Civil Status Authority on 10 April. The CCLC stated that the registration period will be extended for the municipalities that previously closed the registration including Zuwara, Al-Jalidah, Daraj, and Burqan until 23 Apr. The CCLC stated that registration remains open for the municipalities of Ajdabiya, Marada, Al-Qayeb, and Al-Abraq until further notice. The CCLC also announced the formation of 17 sub-committees.

- **Coastal Rd: Football fans assaulted**

Local reports indicate Misrata 's Al-Swehli Football Club fans assaulted Tripoli's Al-Ahly Football Club fans and smashed their vehicles on the Misrata 's Coastal Road, at night on 10 April. Several injuries were reported as a result.

- **Wershiffanah: GNS Mol attends iftar banquet**

GNS Interior Minister Issam Abu Zreiba, the Council of Notables of the Abu Humayra Tribe, and a delegation of notables from Msallata and the eastern region attended an iftar banquet in Wershiffanah on 10 April. The attendees agreed to hold a meeting between components from all Libyan cities.

- **Benghazi: GNS Deputy Mol meets security directorate officials**

GNS Deputy Interior Minister Faraj Egaim met with the director of the Benghazi Security Directorate and heads of police stations to discuss security matters and the implementation of the security plan for the city on 10 April. Egaim praised Benghazi's security environment in light of ongoing security operations to eliminate drug hideouts, collect weapons, arrest wanted suspects, and implement prison sentences.

OIL & GAS UPDATE

Terminal Status

Es-Sider	Operational
Ras Lanuf	Operational
Mellitah	Operational
Zawiya	Operational
Zueitina	Operational
Marsa	Operational
Brega	
Marsa	Operational
Hariga	
Bouri	Operational
Jurf	Operational

Es-Sider: Stable terminal operations and security atmospherics reported as of 1700hrs LT.

- **Report n°6239:** Nothing Significant To Report (NSTR)

Analysis/Comment: N/A.

Location: N/A
Incident Date: N/A
Timestamp: N/A
Source: N/A
Veracity: N/A
Actors: N/A

Impact: Low

Recommendations:
N/A

VERACITY SCALE

A – Reliable:

This information is almost certainly true. A is Reliable, "No doubt of authenticity, trustworthiness, or competency; has a history of complete reliability". It is reported by one or more credible publications, and if an author is listed we have no reason to suspect them to be biased. The reporting is sourced based on widely available or verifiable information. The information is consistent with everything our team knows about this subject.

B – Fairly Reliable:

This information is probably true. This information is possibly true. B is "Fairly Reliable" for "minor doubt". It is reported one or more mostly credible publications, and if an author is listed we have no reason to suspect them to be biased on this subject. The reporting is primarily based on verifiable information. The information is mostly consistent with everything our team knows about this subject, but may contain new or surprising information given credibility on the strength of the publication or author.

C – Unreliable:

This information is probably false. This information is almost certainly false. "not usually reliable" for "significant doubt," and "unreliable" for "Lacking in authenticity, trustworthiness, and competency; history of invalid information". It appears in social media or an unreliable publication, and may be written by an author that is not known to us or is known to be less reliable. The reporting is thin, largely dependent on anonymous sources or unverifiable accounts from social media or limited access areas. The information is consistent enough with our knowledge of the subject to be possible, but contains sufficient discrepancies to make it seem unlikely. The information is mostly or entirely inconsistent with our knowledge of the subject.

ACRONYM LIST

AQ	Al-Qaeda
BAM	Al-Bunyan Al-Marsous
BCP	Border Crossing Point
BEN	Benghazi International Airport
BDB	Benghazi Defence Brigade
BPMC	Brega Petroleum Marketing Company
BRSC	Benghazi Revolutionary Shura Council
CBL	Central Bank of Libya
CESF	Constitution and Elections Support Force
CNI	Critical National Infrastructure
CDA	Constitutional Drafting Assembly
DACOCT	Deterrence Apparatus for Combating Organized Crime and Terrorism
DDR	Disarmament, demobilising and reintegration
DF	Direct Fire
DMSC	Derna Mujahideen Shura Security Council
GACS	General Administration of Central Support
GASO	General Administration of Security Operations
GECOL	General Electricity Company of Libya
GMMR	Great Man-Made River
GNA	Government of National Accord
GNC	General National Congress
GNS	Government of National Stability
GNU	Government of National Unity
GTUC	Greater Trpoli Union Council
HCS	High Council of State
HNEC	High National Election Commission (HNEC)
HoR	House of Representatives
IDF	Indirect Fire
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
IDP	Internally Displaced Persons
IOC	International Oil Company
IS	Islamic State
JMC	Joint Military Commission
LAB	Libyan Audit Bureau
LIFG	Libyan Islamic Fighting Group
LNA	Libyan National Army
LPA	Libyan Political Agreement
LPDF	Libyan Political Dialogue Forum
LROR	Libyan Revolutionary Operations Room
MJI	Mitiga International Airport
MoD	Ministry of Defence
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MoFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MOGC	Mellitah Oil and Gas Complex
MoI	Ministry of Interior
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
MoO	Ministry of Oil

MoT	Ministry of Transportation
MRA	Misrata International Airport
NEE	No Expected Exposure
NIEE	No Immediate Expected Exposure
NFDK	No Further Details Known
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NOC	National Oil Company
NSTR	Nothing Significant To Report
P3+2	France, Germany, Italy, UK, US
PC	Presidential Council
PFG	Petroleum Facilities Guard
RASCO	Ras Lanuf Oil and Gas Processing Company
RPG	Rocket-Propelled Grenade
RTA	Road Traffic Accident
SAF	Small Arms Fire
SSA	Stabilisation Support Agency
SDF	Special Deterrence Force
TPF	Tripoli Protection Force
UNSRSG	United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary General
UNSMIL	United Nations Support Mission in Libya
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
WOC	Waha Oil Company