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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) 13<sup>TH</sup> 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°6273:** Al-Hadba Al-Keiza: Brief gunfire

WB sources reported brief gunfire in Tripoli's Al-Hadba Al-Kieza area at approximately 1930hrs on 24 April. Unconfirmed reports allege celebratory gunfire during a wedding in the area.

**Analysis/Comment:** No further information.

**Location:** Al-Hadba Al-Kieza  
**Incident Date:** 24 April  
**Timestamp:** 1930hrs  
**Source:** WB  
**Veracity:** A  
**Actors:** Unknown  
**Impact:** Low

**Recommendations:**  
 Identify the motives behind gunfire reported across the capital.

- **Report n°6274:** Update: Ghneiwa releases Libyan actor

Local reports indicate Stabilisation Support Agency (SSA) commander Abdulghani Al-Kikli "Ghneiwa" released Libyan actor Aseel Bahir on 24 April who was arrested/kidnapped alongside Al-Ittihad Football Club player Mohammed Zaabiya on 20 April. There is no confirmation of Zaabiya's release at the time of writing (1500hrs LT).

**Analysis/Comment:** No further information.

**Location:** Unknown  
**Incident Date:** 24 April  
**Timestamp:** Unknown  
**Source:** Local Media  
**Veracity:** B  
**Actors:** SSA  
**Impact:** Low

**Recommendations:**  
 Continue to monitor the arrests targeting local celebrities.

# NATIONWIDE / GENERAL

- **LNA pre-emptive Sudan border closure**

The LNA closed Libya's border with Suda and sent military reinforcements to Al-Kufra against the backdrop of heavy fighting in Sudan on 24 April, according to LNA sources cited by local

media. The development comes as a pre-emptive measure to contain the conflict in Sudan and prevent a spillover into Libyan territory given the porous borders. It will be recalled that an agreement was signed in May 2018 between Libya, Sudan, Chad, and Niger to exchange intelligence with the aim of securing the common borders to reduce cross-border crimes.

- **Al-Khoms-Zliten Coastal Rd: Drive-by shooting causes brief closure**

Reports indicate the MoD-affiliated Coastal Road Protection Force, MoI-affiliated General Administration of Central Support, and MoD-affiliated Constitution and Election Support Force (CESF) closed Al-Khoms – Zliten Coastal Road at Kaam Checkpoint for approximately two hours in the evening on 24 April. The closure came as a result of a drive-by shooting targeting the checkpoint earlier that day. No casualties were recorded.

Separately, unconfirmed reports allege the CESF briefly closed Al-Dofan CP in protest of the shooting incident at Kaam CP in the evening on 24 April.

- **Update: Cautious calm returns to Al-Zawiya**

The Libyan Red Crescent (LRC) reported militia clashes that broke out in Al-Zawiya on 23 April resulted in a total of four fatalities and six injuries. The Ambulance and Emergency Service reported earlier that stable atmospherics returned to Al-Zawiya following the cessation of hostilities and families that were evacuated from the engagement area returned to their homes. This was also corroborated by Deputy Head of Al-Zawiya's elders and notables Jumaa Al-Jilani. Reports indicate the MoD-affiliated 103 Battalion "Al-Selaa militia" (Al-Zawiya) intervened to defuse tensions. Of note, Al-Zawiya's Coastal Road remained operational during the clashes.

- **Siddiq Haftar denies meeting RSF leader in Sudan**

LNA Commander Khalifa Haftar's eldest son, Siddiq, stressed that his visit to Sudan and meeting with Rapid Support Forces (RSF) leader Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo was not of a "political nature" and was during an iftar banquet at the request of the presidency Al-Merrikh Football Club, in statements made to Asharq Al-Awsat on 24 April. Siddiq stated that his visit to Sudan came at the request of the Club, which appointed him as an honorary chairman. Haftar denied rumours that he provided financial support to the club, stressing that Libyan clubs are in greater need of such support. Commenting on the ongoing military confrontations in Sudan, Haftar hoped for an end to the crisis and security and stability for the country and its people.

**Comment:** The LNA is facing increased scrutiny for its alleged involvement in the Sudanese military conflict and support to the RSF. Evidence published by CNN and other media outlets substantiated the LNA and Russian Wagner Group's logistical support to the RSF.

- **Misrata: Dbeibah stresses MoI ready to secure elections**

GNU Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah stated that the Ministry of Interior (MoI) demonstrated their full readiness to secure elections in all cities and that the security situation in Tripoli serves as the best evidence. Dbeibah expressed hope that policemen will complete their mission to secure elections. Dbeibah's remarks came during an Eid Al-Fitr celebration organised by Misrata's Security Directorate.

- **Surman: Al-Selaa militia targets Al-Far militia camps**

Reports indicate gunmen affiliated with the MoD's 103 Battalion "Al-Selaa militia" targeted two camps affiliated with Al-Zawiya's First Support Force (Criminal Investigation Department) "Al-Far militia" with rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) in Surman in the morning on 24 April. No casualties were recorded. In response, Al-Far militia deployed forces across Surman on the same day. Unconfirmed reports allege Al-Selaa militia, with the support of Surman-based Al-Kabbu militia (Al-Zawiya) is planning to launch an attack on Surman to expel Al-Far militia from the town in the coming days.

- **Al-Zawiya: House owner shot**

Unidentified assailants stormed a house, shot its local owner, and fled the scene in Al-Zawiya's Al-Harsha area in the morning on 24 April. The victim was seriously injured as a result. The motive is unknown.

# 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 atmospheric reported as of 1700hrs LT.

- **Report n°6275:** Ar-Rajmah: Haftar calls for equal distribution of oil revenue

LNA Commander Khalifa Haftar received a delegation of military leaders and officers including Chief of Staff (CoS) Abdulrazak Al-Nathouri and Spokesman Ahmed Al-Mesmari at his HQ in Ar-Rajmah on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr on 24 April. Haftar stressed that oil revenues must be distributed fairly in order for Libyans to enjoy the benefits of their country's resources, arguing that the Libyan people are "starving" and can no longer bear "irresponsible behaviour" and "deliberate tampering" with their wealth and capabilities. In addition, Haftar called on officials to provide job opportunities for graduates and stressed the important role of the youth. Haftar also described his army as "unique" to other armies in the world given it was founded based on the suffering of the people. Haftar stated that the Libyan people decided with the LNA to launch one of the "greatest revolutions" of the 21st century; the "dignity" revolution.

**Location:** Ar-Rajmah  
**Incident Date:** 24 April  
**Timestamp:** Unknown  
**Source:** Social Media  
**Veracity:** B  
**Actors:** LNA

**Impact:** Low

**Recommendations:**  
 Continue to monitor nationwide O&G-related developments.

**Analysis/Comment:** 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.

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**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