

# Libya daily security analysis report

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# Latest Developments

## Threat Warnings

- Fuel queues in Tripoli have also been driven in part by Ramadan with many people in the capital preparing to drive to their hometowns to spend at least some of the upcoming holy month with family. As a result, the demand for fuel has increased which has also likely sparked some level of panic buying as well.

## Political Developments

- In an interview with the Nova news agency, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Antonio Taiana, reaffirmed previous statements and asserted that Rome was working to make Libya a stable country.
- In a message to the Libyan public to mark the start of Ramadan, SRSG Bathily called on all Libyan political bodies to engage in dialogue and be united. He added that all Libyans hoped that their political leaders agree on a national solution to avoid more division and instability.

## Migration Developments

- The AU–EU–UN Tripartite Taskforce on the Situation of Migrants and Refugees in Libya met in Brussels. The Tripartite Taskforce Members reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the Libyan authorities' efforts for tackling the urgent needs on the ground. While working alongside other actors, they will step up their efforts to further support the development of non-discriminatory legal and policy frameworks for migrants and refugees, based on international and AU standards and human rights, with the aim of protecting and saving lives along the migratory routes and particularly in Libya.

## Security Developments

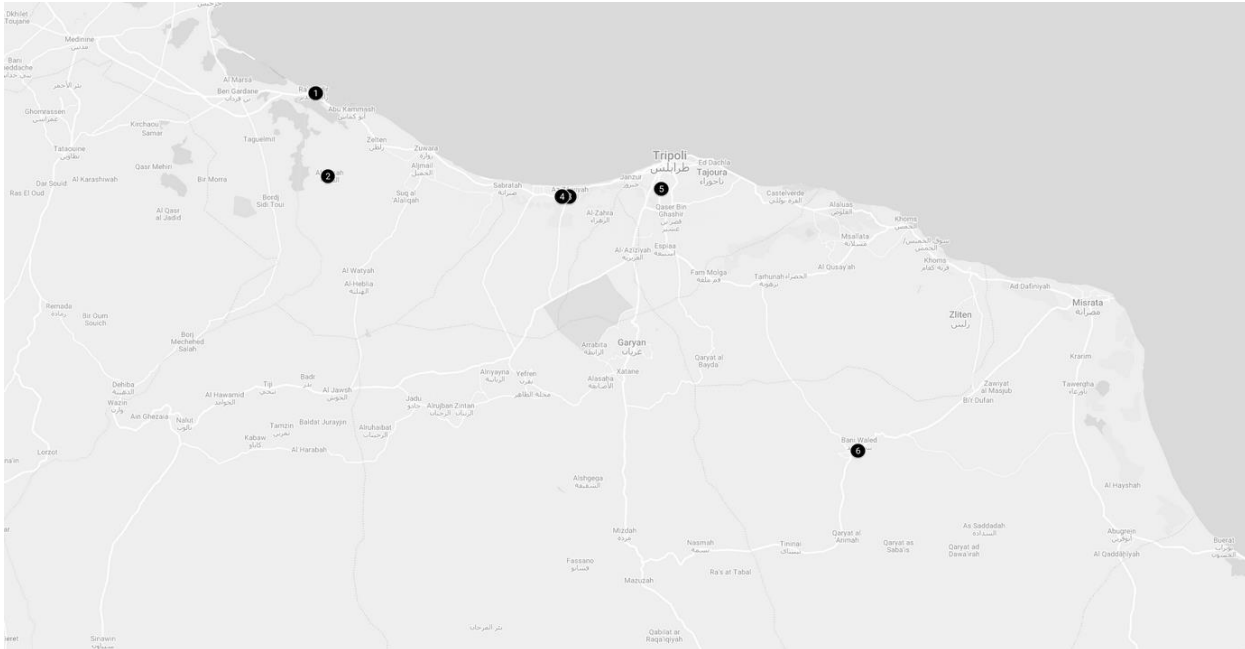
- Unconfirmed sources reported a meeting of 111 Brigade Commander, Abdelsalem al-Zubi, SSA Commander Gheinewa al-Kikli, and the Minister of the Interior, Emad Trabelsi to discuss security concerns in the Tripoli area.
- The team from the International Atomic Energy Agency departed Libya following their inspection of 6,400 barrels of natural uranium. The team visited several sites and reported that they had discovered 10 barrels containing 2.5 tons of uranium ore concrete which had not been previously declared.

## Oil and Gas Developments

- Unconfirmed media reports claim that the Chairman of the Management Committee of Akukus Oil, Essa El-Din Al-Bashti has been imprisoned on charges of corruption and wasting public funds.
- Open sources report that Halliburton is expected to sign a \$1 billion deal with the NOC to rebuild Dhara Oil Field in Central Libya. Honeywell is also expected to announce a \$400 million contract with the NOC for the building of a refinery in southern Libya. **COMMENT:** Dhara is operated by Total and ConocoPhillips and was destroyed in an attack by IS in 2015. The expected announcements have been seen by many as an indication of a change of stance from US firms who now appear to regard Libya as a permissive environment for conducting business. **COMMENT ENDS.**

# Significant Incidents

## Tripolitania Region



- 1. SAF - Mar 24 05:00, Nuqat Al-Khams Province, Ras Ajdir:** SAF was reported at Ras Ajdir Border crossing point.
- 2. Security Operation - Mar 23, Nuqat Al-Khams Province, Al-Assah:** Mol Border Guard forces were reported as conducting patrols in the Ras Ajdir, Al Assah, Tawela and Al-Ghazala areas.
- 3. Murder/ Execution - Mar 23 19:00, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah:** Two males named as Abdul Basit al-Zanati and Ali Mohamed al-Zanati were killed in a drive-by shooting following Maghrib Prayers.
- 4. Armed Clash - Mar 23 19:00, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah:** An armed clash was reported in the al-Haja road area which resulted in one fatality. The individual was named as Abdul Fattah Al-Tawq.
- 5. HMG - Mar 24 11:45, Tripoli Province, Airport Road:** Suspected AAA was reported in the area of the airport road.
- 6. Kidnap - Mar 23 15:30, Misrata Province, Bani Walid:** Unconfirmed sources report that the Commander of Bani Walid Garrison, Brigadier General Muhammad Bousouda was reportedly abducted by members of 444 Brigade.

## Cyrenaica Region

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## **Fezzan Region**

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## **Offshore**

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# Outlook

## Short Term Outlook

- Libya remains locked in a political impasse with two governments, both of which are slowly weakening. The House of Representatives (HoR) and the High Council of State (HCS) continue to dominate the current political scene, with their efforts to resolve key issues like the constitution taking centre stage. SRSB Abdoulaye Bathily is attempting to wrest some control away from the two entities in a bid to make progress towards elections in 2023, however, they continue to enjoy the support of key regional and international backers. Various factions are beginning to position themselves for expected change in 2023 as the UN continues to push towards elections, while regional and global issues, not least the Ukraine offensive, continue to shape the international communities' agendas in Libya.
- The security situation in and around Tripoli remains fundamentally unstable. After significant changes to the capital's security makeup in August and September 2022, new faultlines are emerging as militia commanders continue to consolidate their positions. This includes expanding their influence through ministries and other state apparatus. In addition, plans to reconstruct Tripoli International Airport threaten to destabilise the delicate balance of power in the city with Misratan entities looking to claim significant influence over the location. The resurgence of Jihadist Salafism in Tripolitania is also a potential source of destabilisation, one which is currently being felt in Tajura and along the north-west coastline. This instability along the coastline may be positively impacted by efforts in Zawiyah to reorganise armed groups which could increase cooperation. Armed groups in Tripoli continue to be empowered via financial, military, and political means, ensuring they will continue to exert significant influence over the political situation.

## Medium to Long Term Outlook

- The solution to Libya's political impasse remains elections for many stakeholders with UNSMIL attempting to develop a new pathway. Realistically, the path to elections in 2023 will be fraught with difficulties however, there is a real chance that much-needed groundwork could be achieved. While UNSMIL heads efforts towards elections, other international stakeholders are prioritising more short-term objectives as they look to shape not just Libya, but regional and global issues.
- Terrorist groups remain active but contained in Libya. Islamic State (IS) will continue to present a threat to security forces, primarily in the south, and may re-establish the capability to mount sporadic attacks along the coastline in the future. The group continues to suffer from years of attrition and is more likely focused on providing support for more active IS theatres in sub-Saharan Africa. Al-Qaeda-aligned groups remain active in the country with their integration into societies in the south and some armed groups in the Tripoli area potentially posing a longer-term issue for Libya.

# Key Dates

Date	Occasion	Comment
April 22 - 24, 2023	Eid Al-Fitr (+/-)	Public Holiday
May 01, 2023	May Day	Public Holiday
June 27, 2023	Arafat Day	
June 28 – 30, 2023	Eid Al-Adha	Public Holiday
July 19, 2023	Islamic New Year	Public Holiday

September 16, 2023	Martyrs' Day	Public Holiday
September 27, 2023	The Prophet's Birthday	Public Holiday
October 23, 2023	Liberation Day	Public Holiday
December 24, 2023	Independence Day	Public Holiday

# Acronym List

AQ - Al-Qaeda  
BDB – Benghazi Defense Brigade (Al Qaeda-aligned – AAS and RSCB associated/umbrella group)  
CBL – Central Bank of Libya  
CESF - Constitution and Election Support Force  
CNI – Critical National Infrastructure  
DACOCT - Deterrence Apparatus for Combating Organized Crime and Terrorism (SDF)  
DDR - Disarmament, demobilising and reintegration  
GASO – General Administration of Security Operations  
GACS – General Administration of Central Support  
GECOL – General Electricity Company of Libya  
GMMR – Great Man-made River  
GNA – Government of National Accord (2016)  
GNC – General National Congress (2012)  
GNS – Government of National Stability (2021)  
GNU – Government of National Unity (2021)  
GTUC - Greater Tripoli Union Council (Tripoli militias and others, established in June 2020)  
HCS – High Council of State (Tripoli-based)  
HNEC – High National Elections Commission  
HoR – House of Representatives (Tobruk-based)  
IDF – Indirect Fire (mortars/rockets)  
IDP - Internally Displaced Persons  
IED - Improvised Explosive Device  
IOC - International Oil Company  
IS - Islamic State  
JMC – Joint Military Commission  
LIFG – Libyan Islamic Fighting Group  
LNA – Libyan National Army  
LPA – Libyan Political Agreement (2015)  
LPDF - Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (2020)  
LROR - Libyan Revolutionary Operations Room  
MoD - Ministry of Defense  
MoF - Ministry of Finance  
MoFA - Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
MoI - Ministry of Interior  
MoJ - Ministry of Justice  
MoO - Ministry of Oil  
MoT - Ministry of Transportation  
NFDK - No Further Details Known  
NGO - Non-Governmental Organisation (aid/charity)  
NOC – National Oil Company  
NSG – National Salvation Government (GNC)  
NSTR - Nothing Significant To Report  
P3+2 – France, Germany, Italy – UK, US  
PC – Presidency Council  
PG – Presidential Guard  
PFG - Petroleum Facilities Guard  
RPG - Rocket Propelled Grenade  
RTA - Road Traffic Accident  
TIP – Tripoli International Airport  
SSA – Stability Support Authority  
SAF - Small Arms Fire  
SDF – Rada Deterrence Force/ Special Deterrence Force/ Rada  
UXO - Unexploded Ordnance



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