

# 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. Subsequent reporting indicates that 12 million litres of fuel were delivered to Tripoli and Zawiyah on Mar 27, however, local sources report that this has only been allocated to certain stations, with some stations being deemed to be illegal. As a result, motorists are still forced to use a reduced number of stations and queuing has only eased slightly.

## Political Developments

- The Minister of Local Government, Badr al-Toumi, met with the mayors of Surman, Sabratah and southern and western Zawiya municipalities. The meeting focused on local administration and revenues, as well as unfinished development projects. The mayors also briefed Toumi on the challenges to their work and called for prompt action to address the outstanding issues.
- In additional reporting on the recently released UN Human Rights Council's Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Libya (FFM), the report concluded that there are reasonable grounds to believe that crimes against humanity have been committed against Libyans and migrants in all parts of Libya since 2016, warning of the infiltration of armed groups into state structures, and the persistence of impunity, as well as documenting "The involvement of individuals and officials from the security and military agencies and the groups affiliated with them at all levels of their hierarchy in these abuses and violations." During the presentation of the report in Geneva on Mar 27, the head of the mission, Mohamed Aujar, said that they had prepared "a list of individuals allegedly responsible for the documented violations and abuses, and it will be deposited with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights as part of the evidence."
- In a statement following the release of the FFM report, the British Embassy expressed its concern with the evident war crimes, crimes against humanity and gross violations of core human rights in Libya. The Embassy demanded that transparency and accountability for human rights violations be at the heart of Libya's transition process and voiced full support for the UN Fact-Finding Mission, stressing the importance of following up this report with concrete action, including in the Human Rights Council.
- The acting Minister of the Interior (MoI) Imad Trabelsi, met with the Ministry of Interior for Public Affairs and Directorate Affairs, to discuss several topics and issues related to the workflow of the Ministry of Interior's sectors regarding stationery, subsistence, catering and food, and to address several problems related to the workflow. In addition to discussing the crowds occurring in front of gas stations. Trabelsi also signed promotions and settlements for those who deserved them from officers, non-commissioned officers and individuals, headed by the 43,100 martyrs of duty, and also issued his instructions to accomplish any promotion due to any member of the police whose promotion was delayed.
- PM (GNU) Dbeibah made an inspection visit to the Ministry of Economy and Trade to follow up on the workflow in the ministry and its emergency room regarding the general level of prices during the month of Ramadan. **COMMENT** Food prices are escalating due to Ramadan-related demand and a degree of profiteering. Local reporting indicates that this has been most evident in the cost of vegetables and meat, especially lamb. **COMMENT ENDS.**

## Security Developments

- PC member, Abdullah Lafi met with several members of the JMC 5+5 to follow up on the updates on the committee's work. Lafi was briefed on the results of the recent Tripoli meeting with Lafi welcoming the continued work the committee was conducting to unify the military institutions, protect the nation's borders and secure future elections.

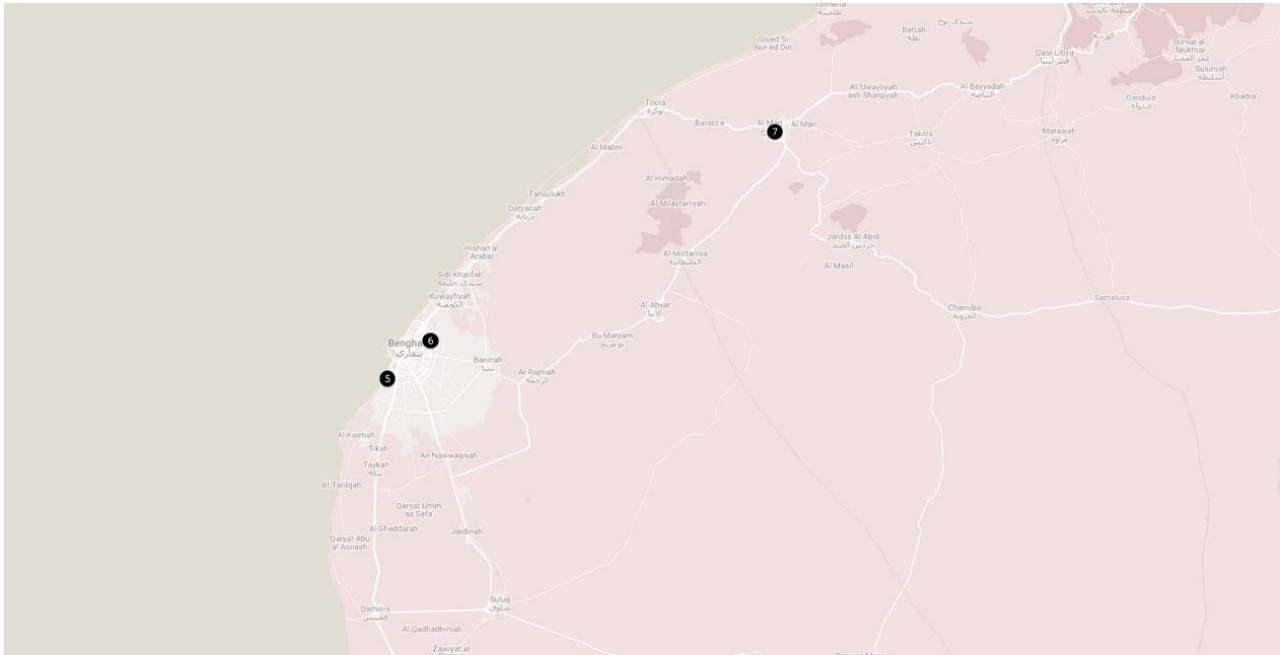
# Significant Incidents

## Tripolitania Region



- 1. Murder/ Execution - Mar 29 02:00, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Zintan:** An assassination attempt was reported against a male named as Abdelrazaq al Bakush by unknown perpetrators.
- 2. Assault - Mar 28 11:30, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Gharyan:** A male was assaulted and arrested by suspected police/security forces. The individual was alleged to have carried out a traffic offence.
- 3. SAF - Mar 29 02:00, Tripoli Province, 7 April Camp:** A worker from the General Services Company was attacked by SAF in the area of 7 April Camp as a result of an alleged dispute relating to rubbish. The individual was shot in the neck and hospitalised.
- 4. Security Operation - Mar 29 23:00, Misrata Province, Bani Walid:** 444 Brigade conducted a raid against premises being used in narcotic relates activity. During the raid 2nd Lt Muhammad Harb was killed. A member of the target group was also killed. 444 Brigade increased their presence following the operation and were reported to be on a high state of alert in Bani Walid.

## Cyrenaica Region



**5. Other - Mar 28, Benghazi Province, Benghazi:** 106 Chadian and Sudanese nationals were deported from Benghazi through the Kufra Shelter and deportation centre.

**6. Arrest - Mar 28, Benghazi Province, Benghazi:** Several Egyptian nationals carrying fake military ID cards were arrested while they were mobile in a vehicle with no licence plates.

**7. Murder/ Execution - Mar 26, Al-Marj Province, Marj:** An attempted assassination was reported against Military Police Captain Hussein Abdel Ali. Ali and his colleague, Attia al Qatrani were both injured in the incident.

## Fezzan Region



**8. Demonstration - Mar 28, Sabha Province, Sabha:** A demonstration by employees of the General Company for cleaning services was reported. The workers are protesting due to unpaid salaries for seven months.

**9. Armed Robbery - Mar 28, Sabha Province, Qurdah:** An attempted armed robbery was conducted by a group in a vehicle. The vehicle was intercepted by military forces with the occupants then engaging the military resulting in one injury.

# 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. SRSG 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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