

# 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

- A delegation from the HoR headed by the Second Deputy Speaker, Abdel-Hadi Al-Saghir, travelled to Moscow where they met with the Russian President's envoy to the Middle East and African countries, and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mikhail Bogdanov. The group reportedly discussed the need to continue to strengthen constructive dialogue with the participation of all political forces in order to ensure the country's unity and sovereignty. **COMMENT:** The meeting follows the recent comments from Bogdanov where he claimed that the new Russian Ambassador to Libya was on his way to Libya to re-establish the full Russian diplomatic mission. Reporting indicates that the current Russian Ambassador to Libya attended the HoR meeting bringing into question Bogdanov's earlier statement. Russia continues to increase its level of direct political engagement, with this so far being focused on the HoR and eastern institutions. The recent increase in US engagement, including their (US) pressure to remove Wagner group from the country will be of concern to Russia as the removal of Wagner group would see one aspect of their capability removed from Libya. **COMMENT ENDS.**
- Open sources reported that on Mar 29 the GNU and GNS agreed to send representatives to mediation talks hosted by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva on April 05. The centre is reportedly planning an "informal consultative meeting between the rival parties, who have already approved the talks, which will also be attended by all Libyan institutions." The source quoted by the article confirmed that the talks were not related to the ongoing efforts of UNSMIL, but they were welcome to attend as a participant.
- The Italian Council of Ministers decided, at the suggestion of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Antonio Taiani, to propose designating Minister Plenipotentiary Gianluca Alberini as Italian ambassador to Libya, to succeed the current Ambassador Giuseppe Buccino Grimaldi. Sources told the Italian news agency "Nova" that Alberini is scheduled to assume his position as Italian ambassador to Libya by next June, while Buccino will move to the Italian embassy in Madrid, Spain.
- The HCS named their six members for the 6+6 HoR/HCS committee, tasked with setting the elections laws. The members were named as Ahmed Juma Al-Awjali, Hamad Muhammad Brika, Omar Muhammad Abulifa, Fathallah Muhammed Hussain, Fawzi Rajab Al-Oqab, and Mama Suleiman Bilal. Following the naming of the representatives, the HCS called for the first meeting of the committee to be held in the coming week. **COMMENT:** The appointment of the six members appears to have been conducted with a reduced closed CS meeting, with no reported full HCS gathering, as would normally be the case. Should this be the situation it is probable that those opposed to the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment and the subsequent 6+6 committee, will voice their displeasure, however, this will be to little avail with the meetings likely to proceed regardless of the lack of HCS procedure in the appointment of its representatives. However, such selective appointments, likely under the instruction of Mishri, will probably have resulted in the appointing of individuals of a similar political stance to Mishri, which has tended towards greater candidate inclusion and a relaxing of the rules for presidential candidates. Given that candidate eligibility has been one of the key bottlenecks in the entire political process, this may result in some progress, at least on one outstanding issue. **COMMENT ENDS.**

## Security Developments

- Member of the High Council of State (HCS), Salim Madi, has confirmed the disappearance of his son, Sifaw Madi, on Sunday evening, in mysterious circumstances. Sifaw Madi disappeared after leaving his house at night in the Mansoura district of Tripoli, the HCS said on its Facebook page. **COMMENT** – While the kidnap has been linked to the role of Salim Madi and the current political environment, there appears little to gain in terms of political leverage from the abduction of an HCS member's family member. The Madi family are reported as being Amazigh from the Yefren area with Salim Madi having been involved in the Libya political landscape, representing Amazigh rights, since the formation of the National Transitional Congress in 2011. **COMMENT ENDS.**
- Unconfirmed sources reported the arrest/abduction of Major General Rashid al Rajbani of Internal Security from his home in Hay Andalous. Reportedly several armed individuals in three vehicles with blacked-out windows arrived at Rajbani's home before taking him to an unknown location.
- Official sources confirmed, in a statement to Sada Economic Newspaper, the circulating news about the issuance of orders by the Public Prosecutor's Office to arrest the Director of the Treasury Department at the Ministry of Finance, Abu Bakr Al-Jaffal, by the SDF/RADA. Several pages had circulated news about the issuance of orders to imprison Al-Jaffal.

## Oil and Gas Developments

- Zallaf Oil and Gas Company announced that it had officially started production under its alternative plan at Erawin Field in southwest Libya. The field is to start at a production rate of 3,000 bpd with the oil being transported by tanker from the production tanks at Erawin to the surface treatment unit in the Sharara field of the Akakus Oil Operations Company. The production rate is expected to reach 16,000 once the field is linked by pipeline to Sharara.

# Significant Incidents

## Tripolitania Region



**1. Security Operation - Mar 29, Az Zawiyah Province, CP 27:** During VCP operations 52 Brigade seized over 2 million Pregabaline capsules. CID investigations into a possible narcotics network are reported as ongoing.

**2. Security Operation - Mar 29, Tripoli Province, Janzour:** The Rescue and Control Department of Janzour Security Directorate were reported as conducting VCPs.

**3. Kidnap - Mar 29 21:15, Tripoli Province, Hay Andalous:** Unconfirmed sources reported the arrest/abduction of Major General Rashid al Rajbani of Internal Security from his home in Hay Andalous. Reportedly several armed individuals in three vehicles with blacked-out windows arrived at Rajbani's home before taking him to an unknown location.

**4. Demonstration - Mar 29, Misrata Province, Abu Grain:** The employees of the Real Estate Registration Authority began a sit-in demonstration against the non-impementation of the unified salary scale.

## 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. 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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