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Latest Developments

Political Developments

- The Hor/HCS 6+6 Committee is to meet in Tripoli in the coming week for their second meeting. Members of the committee also met with the head of HNEC, Emad al-Sayeh on Apr 09. During the meeting, issues such as technical matters relating to the drafting of the election laws as well as the distribution of seats in the HoR and Senate and the electoral appeals and disputes process were discussed. It was agreed to continue communication between the Commission and 6+6 committee so that the latter can be provided technical and legal advice that facilitates their work and speeds up the issuance of laws to reach the implementation of the electoral map planned for this year.
- SRSB Bathily travelled to Sabha where he met with military and security commanders, social leaders and university staff. Throughout the series of meetings, Bathily commended the groups for their continued efforts in their respective fields, with the core message being to delivered to Bathily being the end of the political and social marginalization of the South.

Security Developments

- The US Ambassador to Libya, Richard Norland, praised “the military and security leaders who met together in Benghazi to reaffirm their commitment to Libya’s sovereignty and political stability through elections and the departure of foreign fighters, forces, and mercenaries.” Norland also thanks SRSB Bathily for his continued role in promoting national consensus.
- On Mar 09, Zawiyah Joint Operations Room conducted a series of operations between Zawiyah and Es Sabria which targeted illegal petrol stations. During the operation seized petrol was poured onto the ground causing both a significant fire hazard as well as possible environmental damage. **COMMENT:** As well as the obvious immediate impacts of the operation, the action may be indicative of subtle security structure changes, or attempts to change the long-standing status quo as fuel sellers in the area will have the support of armed groups to whom some form of payment is likely made. Furthermore, the recent issuing of an arrest warrant for Othman Laheb of the Awlad Saqir, as well as a list of other armed group members wanted for migrant smuggling indicates that there may be some intent to move against certain selective elements within Zawiyah. However, given the high likelihood of a violent reaction to any attempt to conduct such arrests, it remains to be seen if there is the political will to follow through on any meaningful challenge to the status quo. **COMMENT ENDS.**
- The Supreme Judicial Council has decided to pardon sentenced prisoners who have served at least half of their term, or who have served a third of their term for a convict who suffers from a chronic disease and needs special medical care, or who is over 60 years old, and who has served 15 years of the sentence. For those sentenced to life imprisonment, and that he is not a repeat offender or has entered into an armed gang formation. The Council affirmed that the amnesty decision does not apply to those convicted of terrorism-related crimes that affect state security, retribution crimes, premeditated and attempted murder, beatings leading to death, kidnapping, coercive theft crimes, and drug crimes whose sentence exceeds 5 years.

Oil and Gas Developments

- Mellitah Oil and Gas announced the reopening of an offshore platform in the Bahr Es Salam. The week had been closed since Jan 2021 due to technical problems. Its opening will add 37 million cubic feet per day of gas, and 1,000 barrels per day to the overall Libyan production figures.
- The chairman of the NOC, Farhet Bengdara visited the Arabian Gulf Oil Company (AGOCO) in Benghazi on Apr 09 to follow up on work and difficulties facing the company, and to raise production levels in all its fields. On the margins of this visit, a meeting was held that included the Chairman of the Management Committee of the company, Mohammed Bin Shatwan, and members of the Management Committee. The meeting discussed various issues and files, including supporting the company and working to settle the debts owed by the company.

Significant Incidents

Tripolitania Region

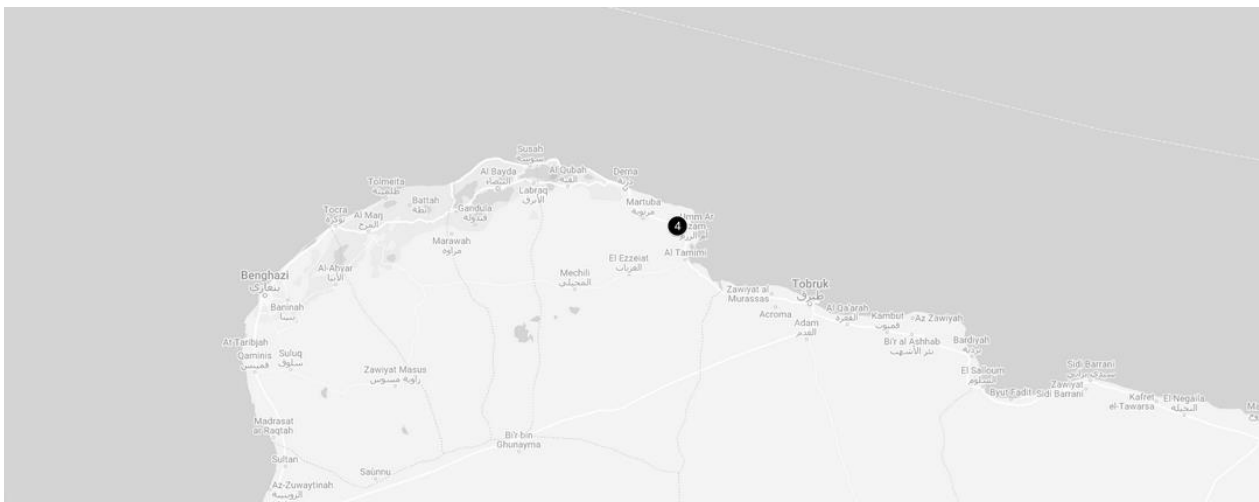


1. Armed Attack - Apr 10 04:30, Az Zawiyah Province, Surman: A vehicle was involved in an unspecified SAF incident at the Askari traffic island in Surman.

2. Security Operation - Apr 09, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah: Zawiyah Joint Security Room conducted operations against illegal fuel vendors operating on the coastal road between Zawiyah and Es Sabria.

3. Armed Robbery - Apr 09, Tripoli Province, Qaser Bin Ghashir: An individual was arrested by Four Areas Security Directorate CID following the armed robbery of a guard and an arson attack at the al-Shifa General Surgery Clinic.

Cyrenaica Region



4. Arrest - Apr 09 23:00, Al-Butnan Province, Bir al Ashhab: Bir al Ashhab Security Directorate arrested a Libyan driver and eight illegal Egyptian immigrants.

Fezzan Region



5. Security Operation - Apr 09, Murzuq Province, Libya - Niger Border: The LNA's 73rd Brigade, 128 Brigade and the Wigh Company were reported as conducting border security operations in the Salvador border triangle.

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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