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Latest Developments

Political Developments

- SRSB Bathily met with PM (GNU) Dbeibah and Foreign Minister Mangoush to discuss and brief each other on recent developments. Bathily briefed both on his recent visits to Libya's southern neighbours as well as his meetings in Sabha and Benghazi. Mangoush also briefed both on the ongoing work of the MoFA on the Sudanese and Chadian files.
- Bathily also met with the President of the PC, Mohamed Menfi where the two discussed the internationally coordinated exit of foreign fighters from Libya. Bathily briefed Menfi on his recent visits to Chad, Niger and Chad which were primarily intended to add impetus to the long overdue repatriation of fighters from the aforementioned nations. He also praised Menfi and the PC for their continued support for holding elections in 2023 adding that UNSMIL viewed the PC as a key partner in the plan to hold elections this year. **COMMENT:** Bathily is quite clearly pushing the removal of foreign fighters and the security of the elections as a priority, while leaving the political track (for now) with the HoR and HCS and their 6+6 committee. This strategy has some validity, with both of the security-based issues having been voiced as a possible rationale for the postponement of elections on 'security grounds.' Furthermore, while military unification is extremely unlikely, if not impossible, before the planned elections in late 2023, a pledge to provide impartial security for elections from both eastern and western based forces would disarm those who claim that free and fair elections are not possible in one or other of the regions. **COMMENT ENDS.**

Security Developments

- The GNU members of the 5+5 JMC briefed the President of the PC, Mohamed Menfi, PC member, Abdullah Lafi, PM (GNU) Dbeibah (in his role as Minister of Defence) and the GNU CoS, Lieutenant General Mohamed Haddad on all developments from the Tripoli and Benghazi meetings.
- The LNA Commander of the Southern Operations Force, Major General Mabrouk Sahban, toured border crossing points in the southern region. This followed a press release from the LNA Military Information Division which stated that desert patrols gathered in the Umm al-Aranib area at the headquarters of the Umm al-Aranib Brigade, under Major General Tariq bin Ziyad al-Mu'azzaz. After that, the patrols moved to the Qatrun area, where it was divided into four groups, and deployed to all the southern border areas. **COMMENT:** The tour by Sabhan appears as a morale-boosting effort, during the Ramadan period, however, the past week has seen an increase in border operations by LNA forces in the southwest of the country, which they have been keen to publicise. Conversely, the MoI Border forces have also been reported as conducting similar operations in the areas of the western border under GNU control. **COMMENT ENDS.**
- Siddiq Haftar, the son of LNA Commander Khalifa Haftar, arrived in Khartoum on Apr 10 to attend a ceremony for his appointment as honorary president of the al-Merrikh football club. A media website reported ahead of his arrival that he was expected to give the club \$2m in funding in addition to bringing in high-level professional players. Sudanese outlets later reported that Haftar had attended Iftar with Sudan's powerful paramilitary leader Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo. **COMMENT:** The visit is of note given the ongoing attempts to repatriate Sudanese fighters from Libya and the recent visit by SRSB Bathily to discuss the work of the liaison committee formed to facilitate the gradual return of fighters to Sudan. **COMMENT ENDS.**

Infrastructure Developments

- On Apr 10 the Chairman of the General Electricity Company of Libya (GECOL), Mohamed Al-Mashay, signed a contract to build the new Zliten gas-powered electric generating station. The ceremony was conducted at the PM's office with PM (GNU) Dbeibah in attendance. The power station will be supplied by Siemens and implemented by the consortium of Urbacon Trading and Contracting (part of UCC holding Qatar) and Elsewedy Electric Egypt. The power station consists of 6 units with a total production capacity of 1,044 megawatts and is scheduled to be fast-tracked and completed within 26 months.

Significant Incidents

Tripolitania Region



1. Assault - Apr 11 02:30, Misrata Province, Misrata: Rival football fans of the Ah-Swehly and Al-Ahly clubs clashed in Misrata resulting in several injuries and some material damage.

2. Arrest - Apr 08, Sirte Province, Ras Lanuf: A Libyan and two Egyptian illegal migrants were arrested at a VCP.

Cyrenaica Region



3. Arrest - Apr 10 20:00, Benghazi Province, Qaminis: 29 illegal migrants were arrested on a fishing boat by Suluq Qaminis Security Directorate.

4. Arrest - Apr 10, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: Benghazi CID arrested an Egyptian national who was wanted by the Egyptian authorities on murder charges.

5. Security Operation - Apr 10 23:00, Al-Jabal Al-Akhdar Province, Bayda: Tobruk and Bayda branches of 106 Brigade and the Khaled Bin Wqaled Battalion were reported as conducting joint operations in the Bayda area.

6. Crime - Apr 11 14:00, Al-Wahat Province, Maradah: Vehicles and equipment belonging to the Marada al-Aquila Road Company were stolen by suspected armed group personnel.

Fezzan Region



7. Demonstration - Apr 11, Wadi Al-Hayaa Province, Obari: A demonstration was reported at the Jumhuriya Bank with demonstrators protesting the lack of liquidity at the branch.

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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