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Latest Developments

Political Developments

- Tunisia reaffirmed its support for an inter-Libyan solution to the country's crisis through a comprehensive dialogue among all groups and an agreement on an inclusive national basis. Tunisian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mounir Benjiba, whose country holds the current rotating presidency of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), headed the bloc's ministerial meeting on the reconciliation in Libya. The member states stressed the need to respect Libya's unity, integrity, and sovereignty and praised the "progress made in the political reconciliation track." They also praised the Libyan Presidential Council for its efforts to achieve a comprehensive political settlement within the framework of a Libyan-Libyan solution.

Regional Developments

- Following an article in the Wall Street Journal, which alleged that the LNA had sent a flight to resupply the Rapid Support Force (RSF) in Sudan, the spokesman for the LNA, Ahmed Mismari, issued a statement strenuously denying the accusation. Mismari stated that "The General Command categorically denies what is being reported by some cheap and paid media outlets about the Libyan Arab Armed Forces providing support to one party against the other" and added that "We are currently conducting urgent contacts with the concerned parties, and we are ready to play a mediating role between the brothers in Sudan, to stop the fighting immediately and open the way through peaceful means." The LNA General Command has also called for a joint mediation committee, comprised of Arab League and African Union officials to be formed. **COMMENT:** The WSJ claimed that the LNA had sent a flight with ammunition to the RSF at Merowe. The LNA and its commander, Khalifa Haftar have an existing relationship with the RSF leader, Mohamed Hamdan Daglo. Daglo previously sent troops to support the LNA in the 2019/20 Libyan conflict, and Khalifa Haftar's son, Siddiq Haftar, was pictured at Iftar with Daglo two days before the outbreak of fighting in Khartoum. **COMMENT ENDS.**

Security Developments

- The Ain Kazit border crossing point to Sudan was closed to movement. The crossing point had been secured by the Sabul al-Salam Brigade under Abdul Rahim Sultan. In an interview with an online platform, Sultan stated that a new force had taken over the location and that there had been unusual military activity at Kufra Airbase which included an Illyushin aircraft and a changeover of the personnel in the base. **COMMENT:** Abdul Rahim Sultan and the Sabul Salim Brigade are believed to support Sudan's army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan
- The director of the Rabiana Security Directorate, Colonel Jaber Abdel Karim, said that the directorate is preparing to conduct patrols along the border strip with Chad and Sudan to secure it and prevent the entry of any armed groups into the country.

Migrant Developments

- Civil society organizations in Fezzan called on the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs to stop the work of the Italian Ara Pacis NGO and investigate its activities in all regions and cities of Libya. The request related to the organization's initiative to integrate illegal immigrants in the southern region. The mayors of Sabha and Ghat announced their explicit rejection of the idea of settling immigrants in southern Libya, stressing that they had informed the Italian side that any agreement of this kind must be concluded with the state represented by the Ministry of Local Government and not with the municipalities directly. The issue was also addressed by the Libyan National Security Council which released a statement asserting "its rejection of any projects that could potentially affect national security, especially regarding immigration issues." **COMMENT:** The migrant integration initiative was launched by the 'Italian organizations in Libya', and "aims to enhance employment

opportunities and better working conditions of full-time and seasonal migrant and local workers in Sabha, Murzuq, Ghat and Wadi Al-Hayaa districts of Fezzan region.” The two-year project is to be implemented by the Italian intergovernmental organization CIHEAM Bari, whose website states the project has €5 million in funding from the Directorate General for Italians Abroad and Migration Policies of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI – DGIT) through Italy’s Migration Fund.COMMENT ENDS.

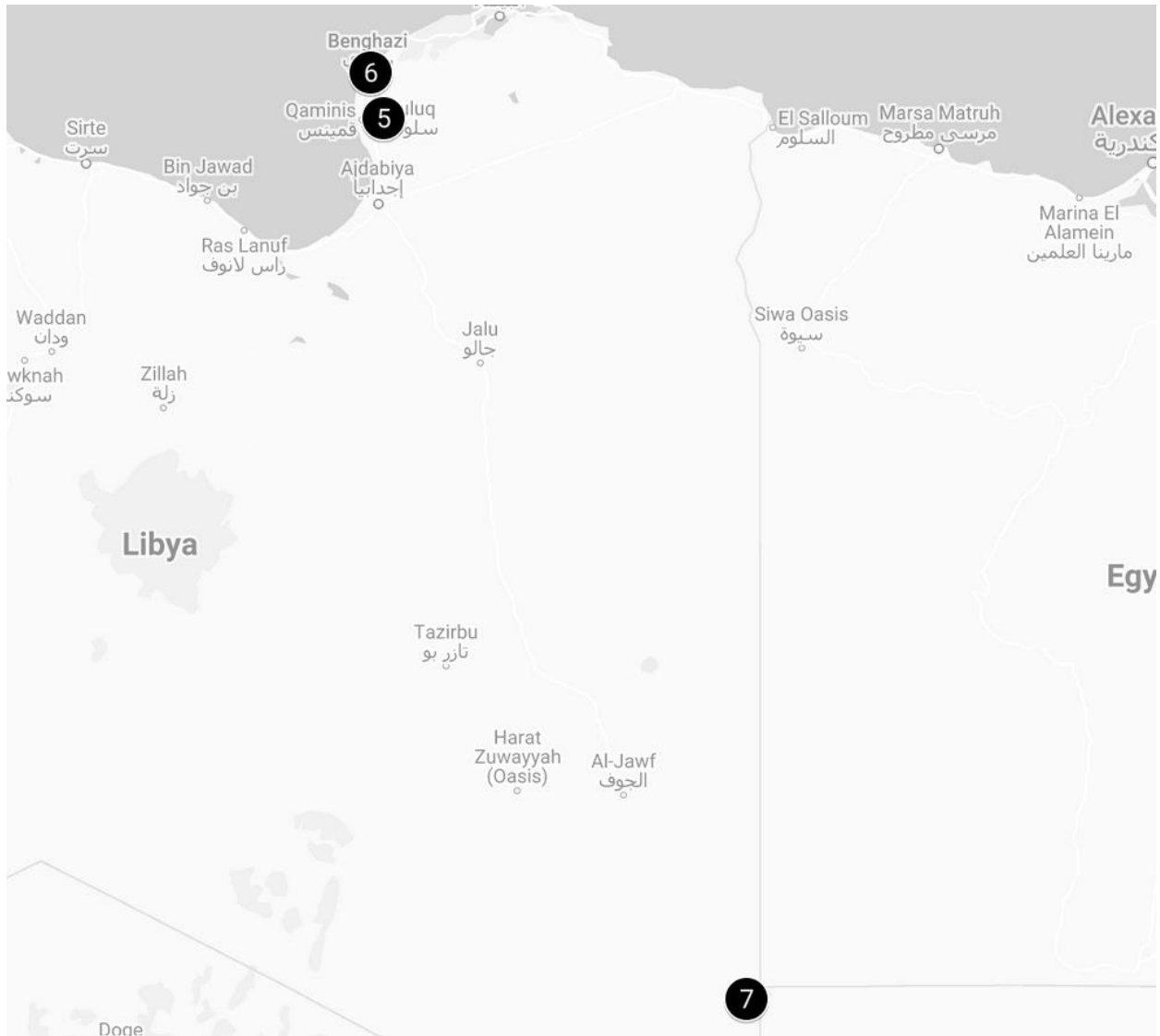
Significant Incidents

Tripolitania Region



- 1. Accident - Apr 20 03:00, Tripoli Province, 7 April Camp:** A civilian property was damaged during a military exercise at the Apr 7 Camp.
- 2. Security Operation - Apr 20 02:00, Tripoli Province, Fornaj:** The Judicial Police were reported as conducting mobile and static security operations in the Fornaj area.
- 3. Security Operation - Apr 19, Misrata Province, Misrata:** Misrata GASO Special Taskforce arrested four persons who were attempting to smuggle 140,000 litres of fuel in four trucks. The fuel had been sourced in Misrata and was destined for Jufra and Sirte.
- 4. Arrest - Apr 20, Misrata Province, Tawergha:** Two individuals were arrested for the theft of MMR pipelines which they had intended to sell as scrap metal.

Cyrenaica Region



5. Arrest - Apr 19, Benghazi Province, Suluq: Three Chadian nationals were arrested for the theft of copper wiring.

6. Accident - Apr 20, Benghazi Province, Hay al-Salam: A vehicle, reportedly driven by a minor, collided with a minibus resulting in the death of 11 Egyptian labourers.

7. Security Operation - Apr 20, Kufra Province, Ain Kazit BCP: Reported announcement by Subul al-Salam Brigade Border Crossing Official, Abdul Rahim Sultan of suspending the movement of cross-border trade movement at the Ain Kazit Border Crossing as of April 20. Ain Kazit Border Crossing is said to have been taken over by a new security authority.

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 21 - 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
ISA – Internal Security Agency
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
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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