

# Libya daily security analysis report

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# Latest Developments

## Political Developments

- The Head of the HCS, Khaled Mishri, accused PM (GNU) Dbeibah and the GNU of “ignoring the tense security situation in the city of Zawiyah which is only 40km from the Prime Minister’s home.” He added “The GNU is only preoccupied with holding parties and organizing fake forums, ignoring what is happening in Al-Zawiya. In light of the complete collapse of national security, and the encroachment of Libyan lands by illegal immigrants who have formed criminal gangs, we find the GNU is only concerned with employing state funds and its executive institutions with the aim of keeping itself in office.” **COMMENT:** The comments are strong, even from a long-term opponent of the GNU such as Mishri. The comments will resonate with many, and the failure of Dbeibah to mention the issue, or take the default position of hosting a well-publicized security meeting, is a change from the usual response. **COMMENT ENDS.**

## Security Developments

- Demonstrations continued in Zawiyah throughout Apr 27 and into Apr 28. Forces from 52 Brigade under Mahmoud Bin Rajab were deployed by the commander of the Western Coastal Military Zone, Salah Namroush. The force announced the reopening of the coastal road, however, came under attack in the area of the Daman traffic lights in central Zawiyah. Video footage shows sustained stone-throwing from protestors who claimed that they were forcing 52 Brigade out as they employed Syrian mercenaries. SAF was also reported against 52 Brigade but no injuries were reported. By 0200hrs on Apr 28 52 Brigade withdrew and roadblocks were reimposed.

- The GNU CoS, Lieutenant General Muhammad Haddad visited Zawiyah’s Martyrs Square on Apr 28 and spoke with protestors. Haddad pledged that the army was ready to defend the people of Zawiyah and that the demands of the protestors were legitimate. Haddad added, “We are not evading responsibility, but rather we came to join those righteous martyrs.” Local sources reported that the routes were reopened either shortly before or immediately after the address from Haddad. **COMMENT:** The message from Haddad will have been well received by protestors. Haddad is viewed as a military professional rather than a product of an armed group legacy. However, previous pledges following violence in Zawiyah, including the formation of the Zawiyah Operations Room following the murder of a family on Dec 24, 2022, have saw little change in the overall security situation. This latest pledge will mean little without a tangible and effective security presence that is not viewed as a deployment of an armed group under a formalized structure. Furthermore, the underlying issue that resulted in the most recent protest is founded in social demographics with the high numbers of migrants present in the city now drawing significant resentment. This latest initiative will do little to alleviate this issue, and therefore the threat of protests or revenge attacks on the migrant social group remains in the short to medium term. **COMMENT ENDS.**



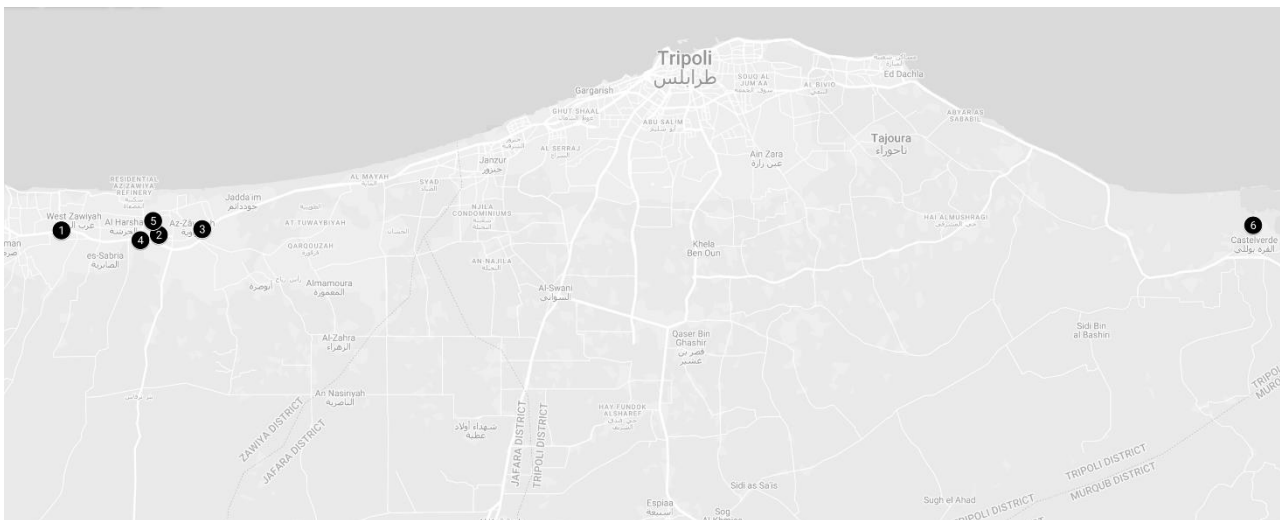
Photo: General Haddad arrives in Zawiyah

## Regional Developments

- Unconfirmed media sources report that Wagner Group is directly involved in the Sudanese conflict, with Wagner Group personnel being reported in the area of Port Sudan and being participants in the fighting in the Khartoum area. **COMMENT:** Although Wagner Group leader Prigozhin claimed that Wagner Group had not operated in Sudan for several years the claim held little weight, given the background of Wagner with both the Rapid Support Force commander, General Dagalo and the head of the Sudanese armed forces, General Abdel Burhan and the group's history of deniable or disinformation operations. Furthermore, the recent conversation between LNA Commander Khalifa Haftar and US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Barbara Leaf was specifically aimed at limiting Wagner group influence in the region generally, but Sudan specifically. **COMMENT ENDS.**

# Significant Incidents

## Tripolitania Region



- 1. Demonstration - Apr 28 03:00, Az Zawiyah Province, Mutarad:** Local youth blocked the coastal road with burning tyres following the withdrawal of 52 Brigade.
- 2. SAF - Apr 28 02:00, Az Zawiyah Province, Daman Street:** An SAF attack by a local actor was reported against 52 Brigade at the Daman traffic lights.
- 3. CP/ Roadblock - Apr 27 21:30, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah:** Following the deployment of 52 Brigade forces the coastal road was reported as being reopened.
- 4. Demonstration - Apr 28 00:00, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah:** Sustained stone throwing and protest resulted in the withdrawal of 52 Brigade and the reimposition of roadblocks on the coastal road.
- 5. CP/ Roadblock - Apr 28 12:00, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah:** Following the visit of GNU CoS Haddad local sources reported that the coastal road had been reopened.
- 6. Arrest - Apr 28 07:00, Tripoli Province, Castelverde:** 21 illegal migrants of Bangladeshi, Pakistan and Egyptian origin were arrested as they prepared to set sail to Europe.

## 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. 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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