

# Libya daily security analysis report

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# Latest Developments

## Political Developments

- Efforts appear to be underway in Tripoli to ban women from travelling alone. The Homeland Security Service committee stated that this action was “not at odds with the law or women’s rights and was designed as a preventative and precautionary measure due to a fear of extortion.” A similar ruling brought in in the east was quickly abandoned a number of years ago after it was overruled by eastern authorities.

## Military Developments

- Unconfirmed reports claim that the Italian Intelligence Chief, Giovanni Caravelli, travelled to Sabha on May 04 and met with Saddam Haftar and other LNA officers. Caravelli allegedly landed at Tamanhint Military Base.
- Reports indicate the formation of a new military brigade in the city of Zintan after military vehicles, said to belong to Lt. Gen Osama Jweli, commander of the Western Mountains Military Region, formed up. The new formation is under the command of Mokhtar Shoub.

## Oil & Gas Developments

- Chairman of the NOC, Farhat Qadara, met with the Governor of the Central Bank of Libya, Saddiq Kabir. The meeting discussed ways that the central bank could contribute to increasing oil and gas production and stability. The men reviewed the National Petroleum Operational and Development Plan which plans to raise production to 2 million barrels.

## International Developments

- The Libyan Embassy in Sudan has made a final call for the Libyan community in Sudan to leave following the outbreak of conflict between the Sudan Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces on April 15.

# Assessment

## Military Developments

### **LNA: Unconfirmed reports of Italian meeting in Sabha**

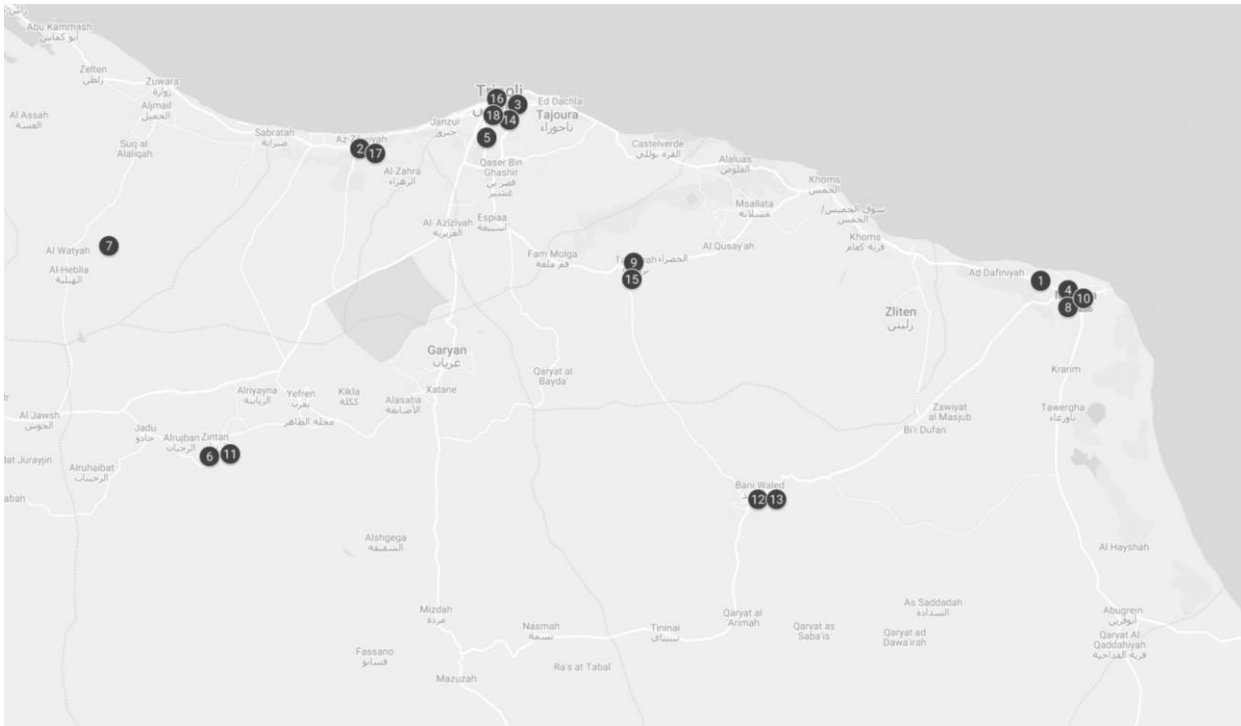
Unconfirmed reports claim that the Italian Intelligence Chief, Giovanni Caravelli, travelled to Sabha on May 04 and met with Saddam Haftar and other LNA officers. Caravelli allegedly landed at Tamanhint Military Base. His main aim was said to be efforts to limit Wagner Group's activity in southern Libya and to prevent LNA support for the Rapid Support Force (RSF). Other topics up for discussion allegedly included oil privileges, an Italian military base in the south of Libya, and the Ara Bachi initiative to grant Libyan nationality to Tebu and Twergha members who live in Libya but have been denied citizenship over the decades.

**COMMENT:** ‘The report comes as Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar carries out a series of high-level meetings in Rome, including a meeting with the prime minister. The LNA and RSF have a well-established relationship. There has been speculation that due to this relationship, which has largely played out in Libya so far, the LNA may support the RSF in its fight against the Sudan Armed Forces. This contributes to wider

fears that the Sudanese conflict could pull in various allies raising the risk of regional conflagration. Other reports have claimed that Wagner Group is actively fighting on the ground in Sudan around Khartoum and has a presence at Port Sudan where various nations continue to conduct evacuation operations.'  
**COMMENT ENDS.**

# Significant Incidents

## Tripolitania Region



1. **RTA - May 04, Misrata Province, Zawayat al-Mahjoub:** A car accident took place on the Al-Sahli Road.
2. **Arson - May 05, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawayah:** A tent belonging to the Path Correction Movement was burned by unknown people in Martyrs Square, Zawayah.
3. **Arrest - May 05, Tripoli Province, Tripoli:** The Attorney General has requested the presence of the Deputy Minister of Health, Tawfiq El-Darsi immediately regarding "financial and administrative abuses committed."
4. **Arrest - May 05, Misrata Province, Misrata:** The Task Management Patrol of the General Administration of Security Operations arrested a man for assaulting a civilian. He was found to be in possession of narcotics and a 9mm handgun.
5. **Arrest - May 05, Tripoli Province, Airport Road:** The Tripoli Security Directorate arrested 44 people in separate incidents in connection with criminal cases. They were arrested on Airport Road and Bab Bin Ghashir areas.
6. **Troop Movements - May 05 02:00, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Zintan:** Vehicles carrying weaponry, including howitzers, allegedly arrived in the Zintan area.
7. **Surveillance - May 05 12:00, Nuqat Al-Khams Province, Watiyah Air Base:** Another drone was sighted over Watiyah Base.
8. **Accident - May 05 16:49, Misrata Province, Misrata:** An Egyptian national drowned in the sea after going swimming with friends.
9. **Troop Movements - May 05 18:05, Al-Murqub Province, Tarhunah:** 444 Brigade mobilised an armed convoy towards Tarhunah where they have an existing presence.

**10. RTA - May 05 18:05, Misrata Province, Misrata:** A car burst into flames in front of the health buildings.

**11. Troop Movements - May 05 18:30, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Zintan:** Military vehicles, said to belong to Lt Gen Osama Jweli, commander of the Western Mountains Military Region, formed up in the centre of Zintan. Reports indicate this is the formation of a new brigade in the city under the command of Mokhtar Shhoub.

**12. Arrest - May 05 23:15, Misrata Province, Bani Walid:** 444 Brigade arrested a man in possession of five packs of marijuana which he was selling on the main road in Bani Walid.

**13. Arrest - May 05 23:15, Misrata Province, Bani Walid:** 444 Brigade arrested a man wanted for kidnapping and for burning down a house.

**14. Arrest - May 05 23:15, Tripoli Province, Tripoli:** 444 Brigade recovered a stolen vehicle and sent it to Tajura Police Station for investigation.

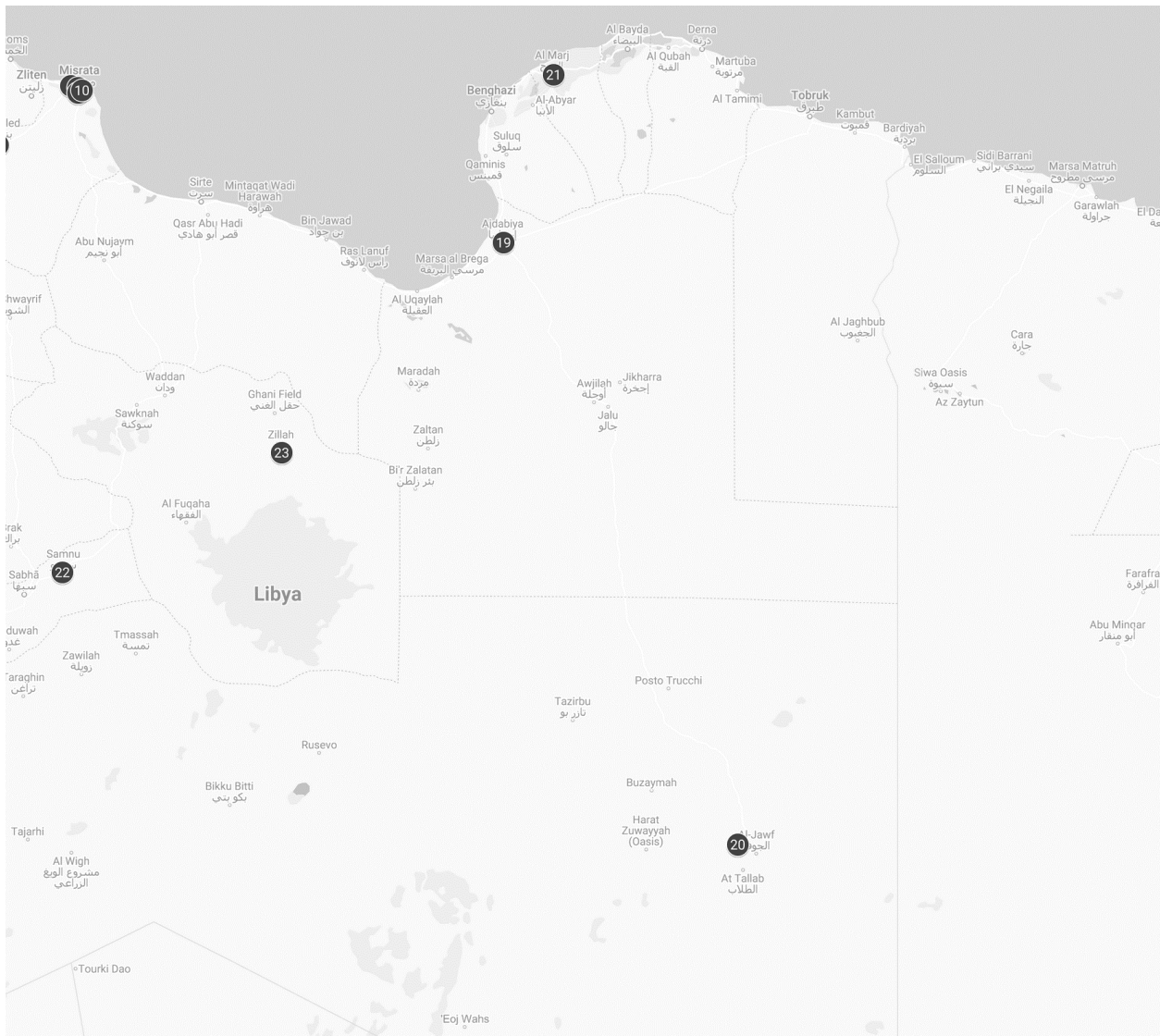
**15. Arrest - May 05 23:15, Al-Murqub Province, Tarhunah:** 444 Brigade arrested two young men for selling narcotic tablets in the main street.

**16. Arrest - May 05 23:57, Tripoli Province, Tripoli:** Tripoli Security Directorate arrested a gang allegedly involved in fraud within state institutions.

**17. SAF - May 06 02:00, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah:** Small arms fire was heard in the city.

**18. RTA - May 06 09:18, Tripoli Province, Tripoli:** Two small trucks were involved in a collision on the second ring road.

## Cyrenaica Region

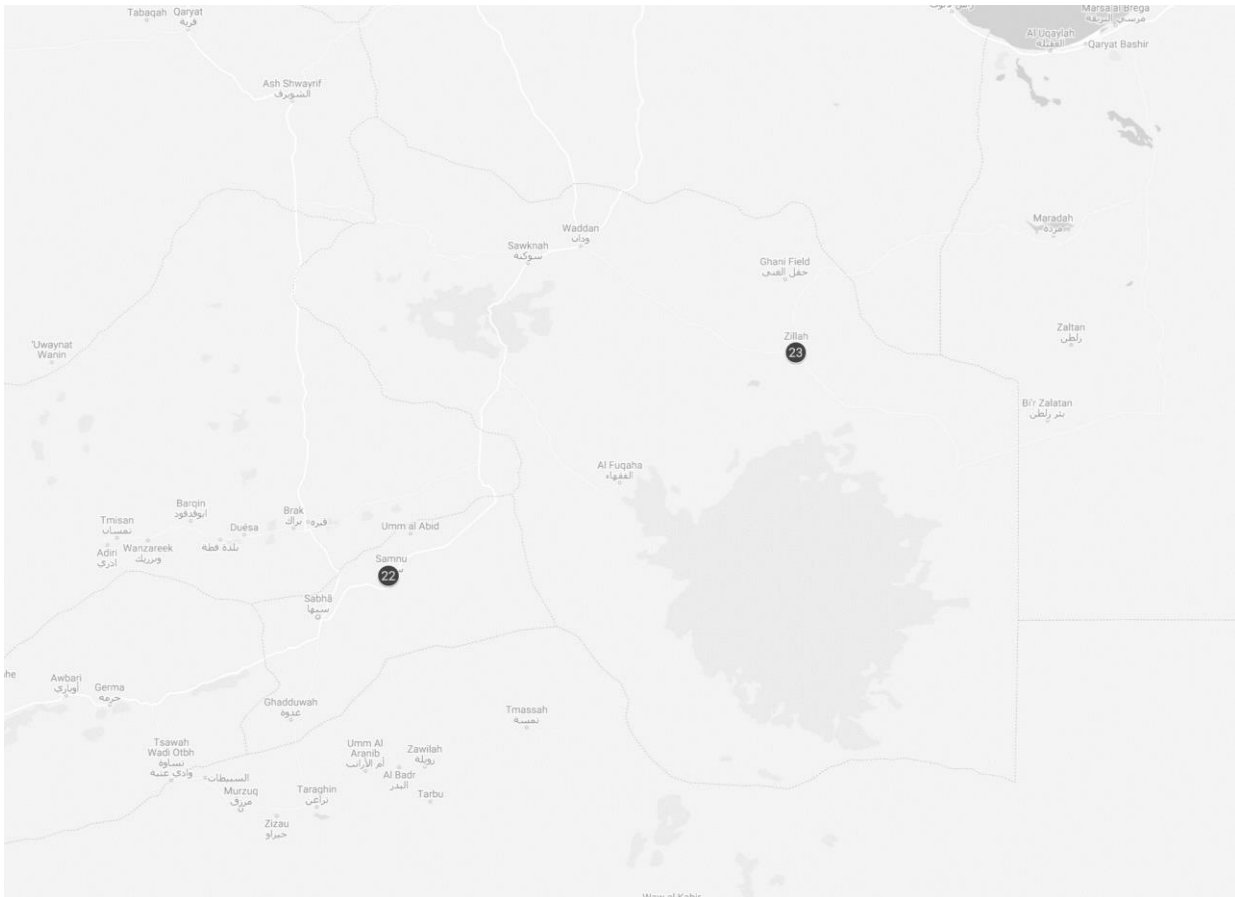


**19. Crime - May 05, Al-Wahat Province, Ajdabiya:** GMMR maintenance teams controlled and fixed a leak caused after a cattle and camel breeder installed an illegal link on the system near Oum al-Gharaniq.

**20. RTA - May 05 16:27, Kufra Province, Kufra:** A serious accident occurred on the Kufra Road at Buzriq. The vehicle caught fire with reports of fatalities after the vehicles occupants were ejected from the vehicle.

**21. Kidnap - May 05 18:04, Al-Marj Province, Marj:** Captain Karim Al-Shaheibi, a member of the Ministry of Interior, was allegedly kidnapped. This comes amidst a conflict in the eastern region over the interior security agency between Abdul Hamid Al Raeed and Osama Aldarsi.

## Fezzan Region



**22. Health - May 05, Sabha Province, Samnu:** Over 50 women contracted food poisoning at a social event in Samnu. Many were hospitalised at the Sabha medical centre.

**23. Crime - May 05 16:10, Al-Jufra Province, Zillah:** Fuel smuggling trucks allegedly left the Al-Awjila farm and headed for Umm al-Aranib under the protection of K77 group, commanded by Mohamed al-Muzoghi.

## Offshore

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# Outlook

## Short Term Outlook

- The political process remains stalled, despite the best efforts of SRSG Bathily and his new initiative. The recently created 6+6 committee, created by the HoR and HCS to resolve the outstanding issues related to the election laws and constitutional basis for the elections has made no progress. The committee was viewed by many as a further attempt to delay the election process, and its actions to date would support this belief. Bathily has continued to engage with various political actors throughout the country, however, his new initiative remains ill-defined and as such appears to have received vocal approval but limited results.
- 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
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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