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# Latest Developments

## Political Developments

- The LNA General Command issued a statement on the current political situation and stated its support for the creation of a unified government.
- SRSB Bathily met with Russian Ambassador to Libya, Aydar Aganin at the UNSMIL offices in Tunisia. The two reviewed the current political process, including the work of the 6+6 committee. In a statement from Bathily, he added that both also agreed on the need to establish a clear pathway to elections in Libya.
- The PM (GNS) Osama Hammad announced that he welcomed the outcomes of the 6+6 committee. Hammad considered that the outcomes of the meetings will end the long-standing differences and divides and establish a legal basis agreed upon by the HoR and the HCS to move forward with the completion of the presidential and parliamentary elections.

## Economic Developments

- Benghazi Municipality announced the inauguration of the "Master plan and expansion project" for Benghazi. The ceremony was attended by Saddam Haftar and the head of the Steering Committee, Saqr Boujwari. The project envisages the modernization and development of several urban areas of Benghazi.
- The Director of the Turkish Industries Exhibition, Sarkan Ataji, expressed his readiness to work in Benghazi. In an interview, he stated that "After our absence for nine years, we have found Benghazi to be safe and suitable for work." He also commented on the strong demand for Turkish products in Benghazi, coupled with a strong purchasing power among the local population. Separately, the Turkish Noble group of companies signed on Jun 16 an agreement that authorizes it to operate exhibitions in Libya. At the signing ceremony in Istanbul, Arhan Celik, Chairman of the group, active in the field of organizing international exhibitions, said that they will be an operational partner in all exhibitions, hoping to transfer Turkey's 50-year experience in organizing exhibitions to Libya.
- The Ministry of Labour and Rehabilitation has called on Libyan employers in the public and private sectors to settle the legal status of their expatriate workers by Sep 02 as part of the government's efforts to regulate foreign labour in Libya.

## Travel Developments

- Extant Threat - Air traffic controllers announced their intention to strike on Jun 21. The strike will be in two phases with all outbound flights subject to a 30-minute delay. The second phase would start on Jul 01 which will see a complete stoppage of air traffic. The dispute between air traffic controllers and the GNU Ministry of Finance has been ongoing for several months and is related to the controllers' demand to be included in the unified salary schedule.

## Migrant Developments

- Security forces reported the deportation of 114 migrants through the Sudanese and Chadian borders.
- The French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin and his German counterpart, Nancy Visser, are due to visit Tunisia on Jun 17/18 in order to discuss ways to resolve the immigration issue.
- The Spanish charity Open Arms reported rescuing 117 migrants from a vessel in distress. The vessel was reported to have departed from Sabratha with the nationalities of those on board being Libyan, Eritrean and Sudanese.

# Assessment

## Political Developments

### LNA General Command Express Support for a Unified Government

The LNA General Command issued a statement on the current political situation and stated its support for the creation of a unified government.

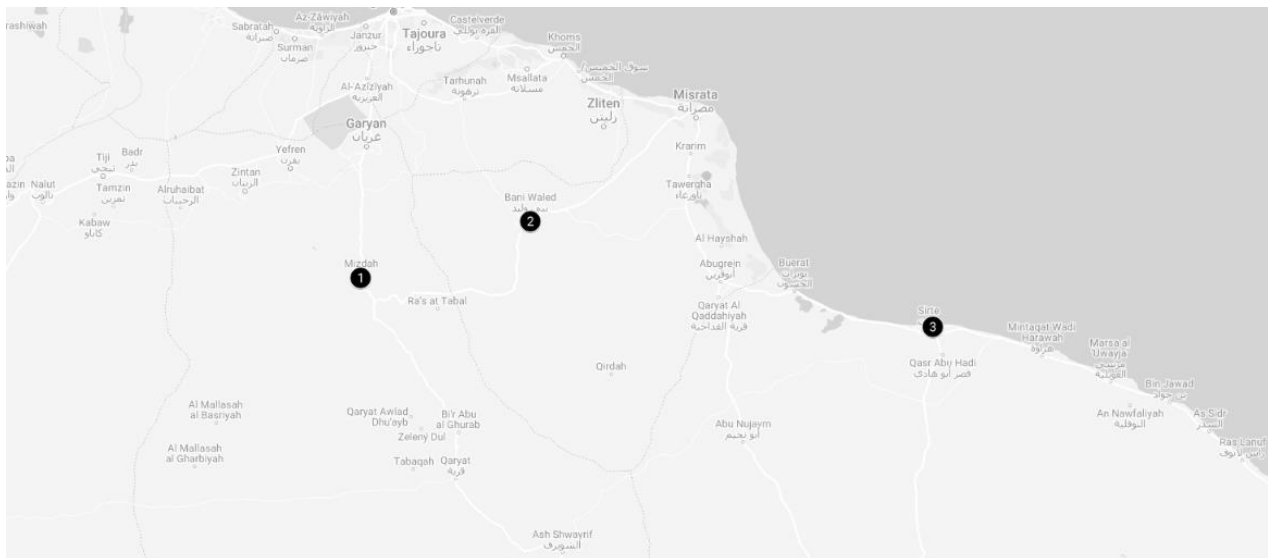
The statement urged the HoR and HCS to “expedite the state of political division in the county.” It also called on the HoR and HCS to form a “unified government of technocrats to supervise the elections.” The statement also called on the “UN mission in Libya to play its role in supporting consensus that leads to holding elections.” The General Command also announced that it would support all talks and rapprochement that would end the state of political division and described the recent work of the 6+6 as the first step in paving the way for presidential and parliamentary elections.

The General Command statement was also followed by an announcement from the PM (GNS) Osama Hammad who also expressed his support for the outcomes of the 6+6 committee.

**COMMENT:** Many commentators have viewed the statements as placing yet more pressure on the tenure of PM (GNU) Dbeibah. While there had been a thawing of the relationship between Dbeibah and Haftar, with decisions such as the appointment of Bengdara as Chairman of the NOC being viewed as a conciliatory measure, the call for the formation of a new technocratic government clearly states the LNA position in regards to the continuance of the GNU in its current role. However, as before, the primary threat to Dbeibah and the GNU comes from within the West, given his reliance on security actors for the preservation of his and his government’s position. **COMMENT ENDS.**

# Significant Incidents

## Tripolitania Region



SAF - Jun 16 18:30, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Mizdah: SAF was reported in the Mizdah area.

**Accident - Jun 16, Misrata Province, Bani Walid:** Several sources reported the collapse of the roof of the Bani Walid Halls Complex. The halls were being renovated as part of the GNU Back to Life project and was reported as being 75% complete.

**Arrest - Jun 16, Sirte Province, Sirte:** The CID intercepted a consignment of cannabis in Sirte and arrested the driver. The cargo had departed Benghazi and was en route to Misrata. The driver identified the individual who supplied the drugs, however, the individual has since fled Benghazi.

## Cyrenaica Region



**Other - Jun 16, Kufra Province, Libya - Sudan Border:** Open sources reported the deportation of 117 migrants through the Libyan Sudanese border.

## Fezzan Region

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## Offshore

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# Outlook

## Short Term Outlook

- There is an increasing likelihood of forthcoming political change in Libya. The HoR and HCS track has made progress with regard to the constitutional basis for elections, however, this process is only likely to continue smoothly should they secure support for the next phase of their strategy which is the creation of a new unified government. This step is mainly to ensure their continued relevance and primacy over the political process as well as an opportunity to remove certain personalities, like Prime Minister (GNU) Abdulhamid Dbeibah.
- Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar has once again positioned himself well with influence over both the HoR/HCS track and the competing power-sharing talks between his family and the Dbeibah clan. With progress appearing possible on the HoR/HCS track, pressure is now growing on the power-

sharing talks to come to an agreement, an agreement which could yet cause a significant rupture in the political landscape in the short term.

- Prime Minister (GNU) Dbeibah is under threat from the HoR/HCS track and is looking to secure a powersharing deal with Haftar in order to help maintain his position however, he has benefited recently from the re-election of Turkish President Erdogan, the fall of rival Misratan prime minister Fathi Bashagha, had is currently building political capital as a result of his security operation along the northwest coastline. He now needs to spend that political currency effectively in talks with Haftar as well as repairing the fractures in his support base. He also needs to manage the security campaign effectively to ensure he can contain his enemies while not pushing too hard and risking a wider destabilisation in the region.
- The security situation in Tripolitania is becoming increasingly unstable. As political divisions deepen, tensions amongst armed groups are growing with increasing competition over territorial control. This is particularly evident around Zawiyah and the northwest coastline as well as Tripoli International Airport. This trend is likely to continue to escalate with factions solidifying and looking for an advantage over opponents.
- The outbreak of violence in Sudan has the potential to cause conflagration across the region and destabilise the southern border areas with Libya. Speculation continues to suggest that the Libyan National Army (LNA) is providing material support to the Rapid Support Force (RSF), one of the belligerents of the Sudanese conflict. Convoys heading south from Libya have been targeted by the Sudanese Armed Forces, activity which may well have encroached on Libyan territory. While the border has allegedly been closed on both sides, local reports suggest traffic is moving normally at this time.

## 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 whether elections are held or not. 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.
- The resurgence of Jihadist Salafism in Tripolitania remains a potential source of destabilisation with indications of renewed tensions between adherents and those of Madkhali Salafism. This competition between the opposing ideologies seeps into the political as well as the military spaces and is expected to slowly intensify as the Jihadist Salafi adherents gain strength in the region. This could increasingly become a defining factor for various groups involved in the political and military spaces.
- While the political process continues to falter, armed groups are exploiting the situation to increase their strength, influence and power across Libya which will likely have a longer-term negative impact on the political situation.
- 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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