



# LIBYA DAILY BRIEF March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

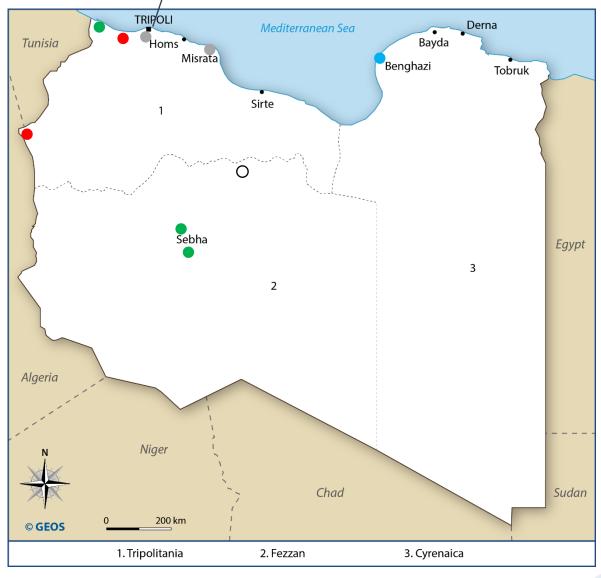




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## **OVERVIEW**









# **General Situation**

- POLITICS: On 01/03, the GNU's Prime Minister, Abdulhamid Dbeibah, issued a statement, calling on the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, for the provision of UN technical assistance for the implementation of elections in Libya. He called on the UN to send a team to assess necessary measures for elections, and international observers to remain in Libya until the electoral process is completed and its results approved. He also called for coordination between the UN, the GNU, and the HNEC for the success of the electoral process.
- POLITICS: On 01/03, the GNS' Prime Minister, Fathi Bashagha, declared in an interview that there is a Libyan consensus to resolve the ongoing political impasse in the country, but no international consensus, claiming the international community was behind the survival of the GNU. He affirmed that the held the UN responsible for the GNS' not managing to take up office in Tripoli, saying that the international organization did not recognize his government despite its approval by both the HoR and the HCS. He urged the UN to support the GNS, as it is the government appointed by the HoR.
- OIL AND GAS: On 01/03, the NOC issued a statement, calling on the Head of the HCS, Khaled Al-Mashri, to apologize to it, following a recent interview in which he declared that the NOC is affiliated with the UAE, conceding privileges to the country. The NOC denied the existence of such affiliation, accusing Khaled Al-Mashri of aiming at destabilizing the administration of Libya's oil sector with false allegations.
- OIL AND GAS: On 01/03, the Chairman of the PC, Mohamed Menfi, and the GNU's Oil Minister, Mohamed Aoun, met with the OPEC Secretary-General, Haitham Faisal Al-Ghais, in Tripoli. Mohamed Menfi praised OPEC's role in maintaining coordination between oil-producing countries, and the OPEC Secretary-General commended Libya's willingness to preserve the unity of the organization.
- DIPLOMACY: On 01/03, the Head of the HCS, Khaled Al-Mashri, met with the French Ambassador to Libya, Mostafa Mihraje, in Tripoli. They discussed ongoing Libyan negotiations on the constitutional track, and the new proposal by the Head of the UNSMIL to form a High-Level Steering Panel for Libya, aimed at facilitating the adoption of a roadmap to the holding of elections in 2023.



# SECURITY SITUATION

## TRIPOLI

- Tripoli, Al-Seka Road: Dozens of employees of the GNU's Environment Ministry protested in front of the Prime Minister's Office and the Finance Ministry on central Tripoli's Al-Seka Road on 01/03, demanding the payment of overdue salaries.
- Tripoli, Al-Swani: Dozens of employees of the Al-Swani Rehabilitation Centre for the Disabled protested outside their workplace in southern Tripoli's Al-Swani area on 01/03, demanding an increase of their salaries.
- Tripoli, Al-Seka Road: Dozens of employees of the GNU's Health Ministry protested in front of the Prime Minister's Office on central Tripoli's Al-Seka Road on 01/03, demanding the dismissal of the Health Minister, accusing him of marginalizing the health sector.

## TRIPOLITANIA

- Tripolitania, Surman: Clashes reportedly erupted between unidentified armed groups on 01/03 near Al-Masra Hospital in Surman.
- Tripolitania, Ghadames: Clashes erupted on 01/03 between security forces and an unidentified armed group involved in illegal migration near the Debdeb Libyan-Algerian border crossing, south of Ghadames.
- Tripolitania, Misrata: Dozens of civilians protested in front of Misrata's Court Complex on 01/03, against the decision to resume the implementation of the railway project.
- Tripolitania, Abu Kammash: 6 crew members were reportedly arrested after a tanker ship used for fuel smuggling was seized by the Libyan Coast Guard off Abu Kammash's coast on 01/03.

## **CYRENAICA**

Cyrenaica, Benghazi, Benina International Airport: An activist was reportedly arrested by Internal Security Agency forces at Benghazi's Benina International Airport on 01/03. He was released few hours later.

#### FEZZAN

- Fezzan, Brak: A number of trucks loaded with smuggled fuel were seized by security forces during a security operation near Brak on 01/03.
- Fezzan, Sebha: On 01/03, about 100 explosive shells were found and seized by security forces during a security operation in the Indian Company area, south of Sebha, in a depot that had reportedly belonged to IS.
- Fezzan, Jufrah: A number of unidentified explosions were reportedly heard in the Jufrah area on 02/03.





# MISCELLANEOUS

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## **ACRONYM LIST**

AAS – Ansar al-Sharia AFRICOM – United States Africa Command AQ – Al-Qaeda AV – Armoured Vehicles bpd – Barrel per day BPMC – Brega Petroleum Marketing Company CP/(I)VCP - Check Point / (Illegal) Vehicle Check Point CBL – Central Bank of Libya CID – Criminal Investigation Department Col – Chief of Intelligence ERW – Explosive Remnants of War EU – European Union EUDEL – Delegation of the European Union to Libya FACT – Front for Alternance and Concord in Chad GECOL – General Electrical Company of Libya GNA – Government of National Accord GNC – General National Congress GNS - Government of National Stability GNU – Government of National Unity HCS – High Council of State HNEC – High National Election Commission HoR – House of Representatives HVT – High-Value Target ICC – International Criminal Court IED - Improvised Explosive Device IDP – Internally Displaced Person IOM – International Organization for Migration IS – Islamic State JMC – Joint Military Commission (5+5) JTF – Joint Task Force LIA – Libyan Investment Authority LNA – Libyan National Army

LPDF – Libyan Political Dialogue Forum LSM – Libyan Stock Market MoD – Ministry of Defence MoF – Ministry of Finance MoFA – Ministry of Foreign Affairs MoH – Ministry of Health Mol – Ministry of Interior MoJ – Ministry of Justice MoO – Ministry of Oil MoT - Ministry of Transportation NCDC - National Centre for Disease Control NGO - Non-Governmental Organization NOC - National Oil Company O&G – Oil and Gas PAX – Person or Passenger PC - Presidency Council PFG – Petroleum Facilities Guard PM – Prime Minister PMCs - Private Military Contractors RADA SDF – RADA Special Deterrence Forces RPG - Rocket Propelled Grenade SSA - Stabilization Support Authority TPF – Tripoli Protection Force TRB – Tripoli Revolutionaries Brigade TURAF - Turkish Air Force UAV – Unmanned Aerial Vehicle UN – United Nations UNSMIL – United Nations Support Mission in Libya UAE – United Arab Emirates USA – United States of America UXO – Unexploded Ordnance WHO – World Health Organization





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