
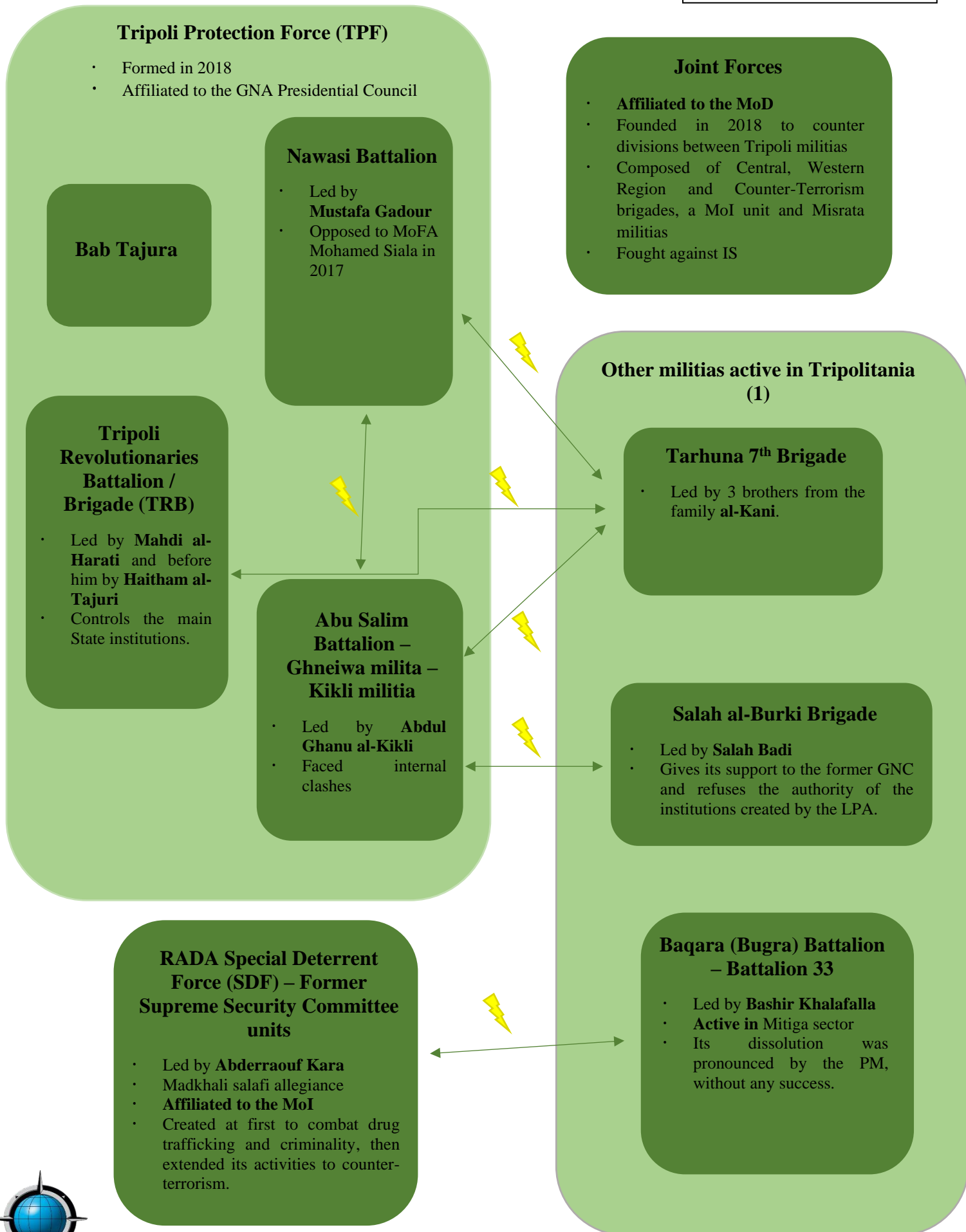


# Overview of the security forces and armed groups operating in Tripolitania

Armed clashes reported in the past 6 months 



## Other militias active in Tripolitania (2)



## Pro-GNA Foreign Militias

### Brigade Northern Falcon

- Composed of Syrians
- Pro-Turkey

### Sultan Murad Division

- Composed of Turkoman Syrians and affiliated to the Free Syrian Army (FSA)
- Supported and funded by Turkey
- Engaged in Libya since 2020

### Hamza Division

- Composed of Syrians, Turkoman Syrians from the Samarcande Brigade and affiliated to the FSA
- Supported by Turkey and in good terms with the US
- Deployed in Libya since 2020

### Sham Legion

- Composed of Syrians and affiliated to the FSA
- Close to the Muslim Brotherhood
- Supported by Turkey
- Deployed in Libya since 2020

### Mu'tasim Division

- Composed of Syrians and affiliated to the FSA
- Supported by Turkey and the US
- Deployed in Libya since 2020

### Liwa Sultan Souleymane Chah

- Composed of Turkoman Syrians and affiliated to the FSA
- Supported by Turkey
- Deployed in Libya since 2020

## Pro-LNA Foreign Militias

### Janjaweed

- Composed of Sudanese nationals
- Accused of genocide in Darfour

### Wagner Group

- Russian PMC
- Deployed in Libya at least since 2019

## Islamist Militias and Factions

**Sheikh Sadiq al-Ghariani:** Grand Mufti of Libya – From Gharyan, his fatwas have a significant influence on the GNA – called for jihad against Khalifa Haftar in 2016 – The Benghazi Defense Brigade (BDB) pledged allegiance to him.



### Libya Shield Force

Created by the MoD in 2012 and composed of :

- *Libya Shield 1* : member of the Shura Council of Benghazi Revolutionaries and considered as terrorist by the Parliament
- *Libya Shield 2* : led by **Wisam Bin Ahmid**, active in Benghazi, dependent on the MoD
- *Western Shield* : loyal to the GNC and linked to al-Qaïda
- *Central Shield* : loyal to the GNC and considered as terrorist by the Parliament.

### Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG)

- Founded in 1995 by **Abdel Hakim Belhadj**, billionaire close to the Muslim Brotherhood and al-Qaïda
- Active until 2017

### Libya Revolutionaries Operations Room (LROR)

- Founded by **Nuri Abusahmain**, former President of the General National Congress (GNC) in 2013
- Established in Zawiyah
- Considered as terrorist by the Parliament.

### Shura Council of Benghazi Revolutionaries

- Merging of Islamist militias, including Libya Shield 1 in 2014 in al-Jofra
- Composed of Benghazi Defense Brigade (BDB), linked to the Islamic State (IS), al-Qaïda and Ansar al-Charia
- Supported by the GNA until its defeat against the LNA in Benghazi in 2017

### Libya Dawn Coalition

- Created in 2014 in reaction to the failed coup of GNC members in 2013
- Dismantled in 2016 because of internal clashes among pro-GNA and -GNC factions.

### Shura Council of Mujahideen in Derna

- Created by **Salim Derby** in 2014 in Derna
- Composed of Abu Salim Martyrs Brigade, Ansar al-Charia and Jaysh al-Islami al-Libi
- Opposed to IS
- Active until 2018