Overview of the security forces and armed groups operating in Tripolitania

Armed clashes reported in the past 6 months

Tripoli Protection Force (TPF) Joint Forces Formed in 2018 Affiliated to the GNA Presidential Council Affiliated to the MoD Founded in 2018 to counter divisions between Tripoli militias Nawasi Battalion Composed of Central, Western Region and Counter-Terrorism Led by brigades, a MoI unit and Misrata Mustafa Gadour Opposed to MoFA militias Bab Tajura Mohamed Siala in Fought against IS 2017 Other militias active in Tripolitania **(1) Tripoli** Tarhuna 7th Brigade Revolutionaries **Battalion** / Led by 3 brothers from the Brigade (TRB) family **al-Kani**. Led by Mahdi al-Harati and before him by **Haitham al-Tajuri** Controls the main **Abu Salim** State institutions. Battalion -Ghneiwa milita -Kikli militia Salah al-Burki Brigade Led by Abdul Ghanu al-Kikli Led by Salah Badi Faced internal Gives its support to the former GNC clashes and refuses the authority of the institutions created by the LPA. Baqara (Bugra) Battalion **RADA Special Deterrent** – Battalion 33 Force (SDF) – Former

Supreme Security Committee units

- Led by **Abderraouf Kara**
- Madkhali salafi allegiance
- Affiliated to the MoI
- Created at first to combat drug trafficking and criminality, then extended its activities to counterterrorism.

- Led by **Bashir Khalafalla**
- **Active in** Mitiga sector
- dissolution pronounced by the PM, without any success.



Other militias active in Tripolitania (2) **Daman Battalion Lions of Tajura** Active in Tajura sector Active in Tajura sector **Al-Dawi** militia Ababil Militia **Zintani General Security Service** Led by - Lead by Moftah Saleh Al-Muammar al-Led by **Emad Trabelsi** Dawi until his **Shazly** Active in the Janzur sector - Activ in Tripoli. arrest for smuggling and kidnapping activities in October 2020 Active in Janzur Knights -Warshefana Qasab militia **Fursan Janzur** Refused to hand over its Controls the Janzur headquarters to the GNA sector near Tripoli Al-Leefa militia



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 Zawiya
- · 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 clashed 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

