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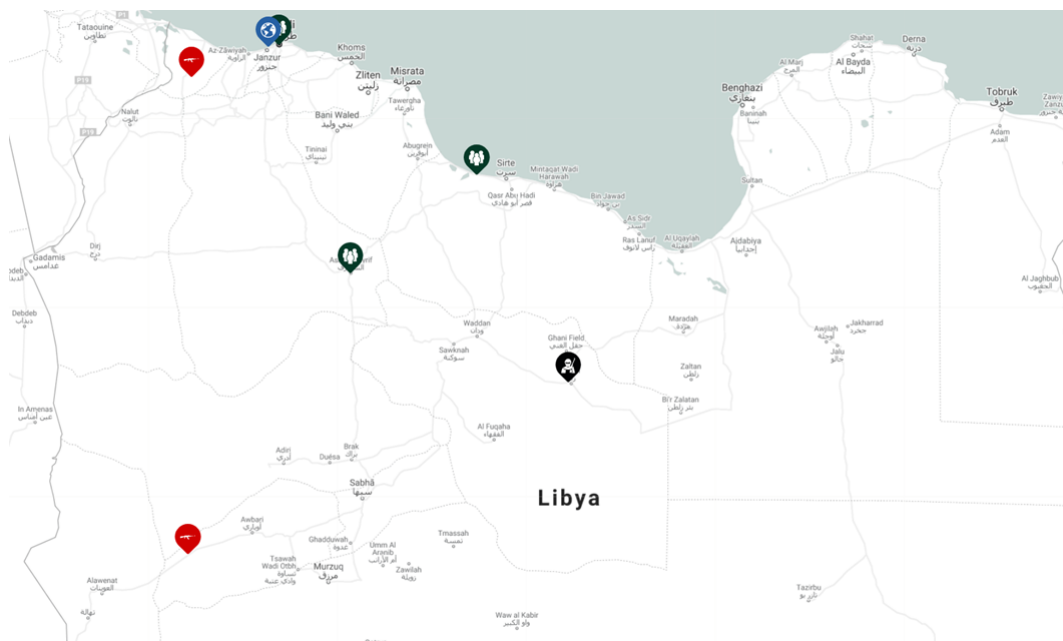
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This week, there have been a series of mobilisations in and around the strategic town of al-Shuwayrif in south-western Libya by Libyan National Army (LNA) forces and Tripoli's 444 Brigade. On 17 August, the 444 Brigade carried out a security operation in al-Shuwayrif against vandalism and sabotage of the Man-Made River Project. On 18 August, LNA forces were reportedly deployed to al-

Shuwayrif, with pro-LNA sources claiming that the LNA had deployed its Tariq Bin Ziyad Battalion and 128 Brigade to the area. The following day...[read more](#)

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## **International Actors**

On 19 August, Government of National Unity Minister of Foreign Affairs, Najla Mangoush, met with the Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Moscow. In a press conference, Lavrov appealed to the 'friendship and cooperation' between the two countries and spoke of supporting Libya to move towards a 'final settlement through national reconciliation and the construction of a stable, prosperous state'. For her part, Mangoush stressed the GNU's desire for favourable relations between the two countries represented by the signing of joint agreements and memoranda, as well as the reopening of the Russian...  
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## **ISIS**

On 22 August, the Libyan National Army (LNA) aligned 128 Brigade was attacked by a suicide bomber identified as a Sudanese national at the Zillah gate/Zillah-Waddan road checkpoint near Jufra, 470 km south west of Tripoli. According to sources, the man drove the car towards the checkpoint on the road adjacent to the main road and came under fire from LNA forces. The man jumped from the vehicle and was shot, later dying in hospital due to his wounds. No other casualties were reported. The incident was within 200 meters of the Zillah petrol station. According to a statement made by LNA spokesperson Ahmed Mismari, the attack...[read more](#)

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## **Other Jihadi Actors**

On 21 August, a document dated 19 August belonging to the Government of National Unity (GNU) Ministry of Interior (MoI) was leaked detailing correspondence between the Tunisian Interpol and the head of the Arab International Criminal Police that was in turn communicated to the MoI. It claimed that some 100 terrorists were present at al-Watiya Air Base in north-western Libya and were planning to enter Tunisia via the Libya-Tunisia border to undertake terrorism and sabotage. On 23 August, the GNU Minister of Interior...  
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