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## Prime Minister monitors developments of security operation in west Libya

The Libyan Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, discussed the developments of the ongoing security operation in the western region to combat criminal gangs, drug and arms trade, human trafficking, and fuel smuggling abroad, in a meeting in Tripoli, in the presence of the Chief of the General Staff, Mohammed Haddad, the commander of the West Coast military zone, the commander of the Coast Guard and Ports Security, the commander of the Western Region Intelligence, and the commander of the security committee assigned by the Chief of Staff to develop the security plan in the western region, among other officials.

According to the Prime Minister's Media Office, Al-Dabaiba praised the operations' commitment to the precise professional rules undertaken by the Air Force, which carried out the tasks assigned to it, and its coordination with the rest of the military elements and intelligence agencies in identifying targets.

Haddad reaffirmed at the meeting the readiness of the armed forces to carry out their tasks in order to preserve the security of citizens, and rid the country of armed gangs and organized crime. The meeting saw a presentation of the airstrikes, their details and the achieved goals. The attendees also vowed to monitor the continuation of security operations in the coming stages according to the security plan until achieving the desired goals. The Ministry of Defense announced the end of the first phase of the military operations in the west coast region. The operations were launched by the government on May 25 against "the hideouts of fuel and drug smuggling gangs, and human and weapons traffickers."

"The results of the first phase of the operations included the destruction of seven boats used for human trafficking, six warehouses for drug dealers, weapons and equipment used by criminal gangs, and nine tanks used to smuggle fuel abroad." A statement by the Ministry of Defense said.

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## Defence Ministry says operations against smugglers were a success

The Ministry of Defence on Monday said "the meticulously executed operations" that targeted smuggling dens had achieved their goals.

"Our sons in the Air Force and the intelligence services have proven their efficiency and merit," the Defence Ministry said in a statement to commend the operations.

According to the statement, the first phase targeted seven vessels intended for human trafficking, six sites for drug dealers, and nine containers used for smuggling fuel abroad, besides weapons and equipment used by criminal gangs.

The ministry announced readiness to launch the next stage, urging citizens to cooperate with the armed forces and stay away from any suspicious sites.

"All precautionary measures have been taken to protect civilians," the ministry said, insisting that the safety of the residents is a priority for the armed forces.

It also indicated that it would release videos of the recent operations in due course, vowing to continue its approach until achieving the desired goals.

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## Turkey denies involvement in recent attacks against militia bases in Libya

The Presidential Council (PC) said that Turkey's Ambassador to Libya, Kanaan Yilmaz, has contradicted claims from specific media outlets that Turkey participated in recent attacks launched by the Government of National Unity on militia bases in the western region

The PC media office said that Kanaan made his remarks at a meeting with the Vice President of the Presidential Council (PC), Abdullah Al-Lafi, on Sunday.

Al-Lafi reviewed with the Turkish diplomat, bilateral relations and issues of common concern, emphasizing the importance of the partnership between the two countries. He also affirmed Libya's keenness to strengthen economic ties and open prospects for cooperation in various fields.

For his part, the Turkish ambassador praised the PC's role "in preserving the unity of institutions and for achieving reconciliation with steady steps, and on solid foundations," according to the same source.

Ambassador Kanaan confirmed his country's continued support of Libya's stability and security and the depth of relations between Turkey and Libya.

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## Libya congratulates President Erdogan on his re-election



Libya has congratulated Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his victory in the 2023 Turkish presidential election on Sunday.

President Muhammed Menfi of the Presidential Council wished Erdogan success emphasizing the unique ties that bond the two nations in his remarks.

For his part, Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah was among the first world leaders to congratulate Erdogan on his victory on Sunday.

“Erdogan’s victory was evidence of the Turkish people’s confidence in the president’s successful projects and policy, which placed his country in the ranks of developed countries,” Dbeibah said in a tweet.

He also hailed the rival party for “protecting the political process” and its adherence to the rules of democracy, despite losing the race.

With this win, Erdogan wins another five years in power, extending his rule into a third decade.

Erdogan won 52.87% in the run-off vote, while his rival Kemal Kilicdaroglu received 47.13% of votes in a near-complete count, according to the Turkish Supreme Election Council.

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## Tension in Tripoli following abduction of Brigade 444 senior commander



The southern suburbs of Tripoli, especially Salah Al-Deen area, which is considered the most prominent stronghold of Brigade 444, are witnessing a state of tension, as a group of the Special Deterrence Force (SDF) kidnapped a senior commander from the Brigade, Musab Zreig.

According to security sources, Zreig was with his family on the “Corniche of Tripoli” in the center of the capital when the armed group kidnapped him and took him to an unknown destination. As a result, the Brigade mobilized its forces, hinting at an escalation in the event that the abducted senior commander was not released.

The sources said that the SDF carried out the operation in response to the arrest of Ahmed Al-Shaftari, the driver of Mohammed Al-Kani, the boss of Al-Kani militia, who is wanted by the Attorney General for murder.

According to the sources, Al-Shaftari returned from eastern Libya, where Al-Kani militia took refuge after fleeing Tarhouna in June 2020. He joined the SDF and was appointed as a battalion commander. He was tasked with establishing an SDF unit in Tarhouna.

The sources added that forces that are affiliated with the SDF moved from Bani Walid and Tarhouna to Tripoli, but the forces of the Brigade 444 blocked the road, and “the situation is still tense between the two parties.”

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## Libyan army carries out additional airstrikes against armed groups in Zawiya

The Libyan Air Force has carried out additional airstrikes to takedown “fuel, drugs, and human trafficking gangs” in Zawiya, west of Tripoli.

The latest strikes launched at dawn on Friday targeted the Al-Kabwat militia and an ammunition depot belonging to Muhamed Sifaw, one of the biggest drug lords in the western region.

An illegal immigration hideout in the Harsha area was also attacked by the air force.

Several Sifaw militants, including African mercenaries, were killed in the airstrike, according to sources.

Reconnaissance flights also hovered over nearby cities of Sabratha and Surman in search of hideouts of illegal immigration gangs, the sources added.

The air strikes, which targeted gang bases in the western region, achieved their goals, the Ministry of Defence said on Thursday, vowing that operations will continue until all objectives are realised.

During the past few weeks, the city of Zawiya saw several protests demanding the government to take action against the armed militias controlling the city, which the residents say are complicit or directly involved in outlaw activities.

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## French Embassy: The recent events in Al-Zawiya confirm the need to unify the Libyan military institutions

The French embassy in Libya said in a statement on Wednesday, that the recent events in Zawiya confirm the need to unite the security and military institutions.

“France is following with concern the situation in Zawiya, where the civilians risk exposure to violence resulting from the clashes,” the French embassy tweeted.

The statement added: “France calls on the Libyan authorities to prevent any escalation and reminds them of their responsibility to ensure the safety of the civilians”.





Economy

## CBL Governor looks into financial sector challenges with Federal Reserve in Washington

The Governor of the Central Bank of Libya (CBL), Al-Siddiq Al-Kabir, reviewed with the Board of Governors of the US Federal Reserve System the challenges of rising banking risks in light of changes and electronic transformation.

The CBL said the meeting, which was held in Washington, discussed the challenges of the financial sector and the role of the Central Bank in managing financial stability.

The Head of the International Monetary Fund's mission to Libya, Dmitry Gershenson hailed the role of the CBL in preserving Libya's foreign exchange reserves, which recorded \$82 billion by the end of 2022.

Gershenson said, in a televised intervention on CNBC Arabia TV channel, that the CBL had played this role despite the turmoil, adding that this "provides support for the Libyan economy against shocks, and that the gross domestic product in Libya shrank by 11% in 2022," expecting the Libyan domestic economy to grow by 19% in 2023.



Economy

## National Oil Corporation wins Ras Lanuf case against Emirati company

The third edition of the Libyan Conference on Oil and Gas Technologies kicked off on Tuesday under the auspices of the National Oil Corporation (NOC) and with the participation of ADNOC and Baker Hughes oil and energy groups.

The opening ceremony was marked by a broad turnout of experts and senior officials from local and international oil companies.

"The conference comes within the framework of the NOC and its companies' contribution to strengthening cooperation and openness with leading international companies in the oil and gas field," Ahmed Ammar, a senior official at the NOC said.

He stressed the company's desire to possess modern technologies, saying it has become necessary to integrate these technologies flexibly during the development process, in parallel with preparing and training Libyan cadres to achieve the NOC's goal to increase production to 2 million b/d.

The two-day conference featured many presentations concerned with the use of the latest technologies in the oil industry, well drilling services, production, and oil reservoirs.

The NOC seeks via these forums to transfer expertise, bring the latest technologies and equipment used in the sector, and encourage international companies to return their activity to invest in Libya, the company stated.



Economy

## Ministry of Economy approves 294 trademarks

The Ministry of Economy and Trade of the Government of National Unity has approved 294 trademarks.

Minister of Economy, Mohamed Al-Huwajj, directed that trademark be published in the official gazette.

Publication of trademarks in the official gazette was suspended before.

The approval of the trademarks by the Ministry came after completing their registration procedures at the Trademarks Office of the ministry, according to a statement by the ministry.

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## Minister of Labour meets Egyptian consortium implementing projects in Libya

Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation, Ali Al-Abed, met in Cairo with representatives of the Egyptian consortium executing projects in Libya.

The minister followed up on the procedures regarding the recruitment of the labour force and the mechanism for facilitating their entry to Libya, according to the ministry's media office.

On the other hand, the Egyptian side gave a visual presentation on its working plan and preparations for the transferring process.

The consortium of Egyptian companies includes representatives of Orascom, Hassan Allam for pioneers of modern engineering, and NEOM for real estate development.

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## IMF: Dependence of Libyan economy on oil makes it vulnerable to fluctuations and sharp shrinks

In its assessment of Libya for 2023, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revealed that fluctuations awaiting Libyan economy in the foreseeable future, due to its total dependence on oil production.

IMF expected hydrocarbon production to grow by about 15 percent in 2023, after increasing oil production.

IMF warned of the possibility of a gradual decline of external surplus in the coming years, affected by a decline in oil prices, as well as fears of renewed conflict and social unrest that could lead to disturbances in oil production, as was the case in past years.

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Features

## This is Libya's traditional tea with foam

In the past few years, the tea set known as "Alla" was part of the landscape of the Libyan house, either you live in a villa or a small flat, or whether you're a family of two, or your home is packed up with 10, you have to make space for the Alla in your living room.

Libyans have known tea since the nineteenth century, but back then, it was only limited to the Pasha, his family, and his guests. With time, Libyans developed their own way of presentation and "Shahi al-Alla" traditional Libyan tea became the thing that never absence any family gathering.

The Alla is a traditional set of tea utensils, might be made of stainless steel or other kind of metal, coloured and decorated from the outside in addition to other items that include three other containers in different sizes.

The large container is for the sugar, the middle is for tea, while the smallest one is for the incense, which Libyan mums like to finish with, in every family session.

The accessories of Alla form an integral part of the bride preparations too; mothers of the brides are very keen on choosing the best type of bedspreads, mattress and the cover of the stove. There is a wide range to choose from, some are made with Crochet and some are Embroidery on canvas, the style changes from time to time according to fashion.

Shahi al-Alla is a characteristic of generosity and warm welcome. The time it takes and the way it's made, gives the guest a wide berth, and makes him feel as not to be in a hurry.

It is a strong drink, boiled on low heat and served in three courses; the third course is presented with roasted almonds or peanuts along with mint leaves or other herbs for flavour.

In the recent past, it was rude to present tea in the European style. It was regarded as a message for the visitor to not stay for long.

Mastering Shahi al-Alla needs a lot of skill and practice, pouring tea from the steel mug to the teapot and vice versa to form that white smooth foam and without spilling any of it on the rest of the tea set is quite challenging, especially if you're doing this in front of a critical audience! The last thing a lady would want is to end up being the talk of the women's gossip in the neighbourhood!

It is not sure how or who came up with the idea of the foam, which characterizes the Libyan tea, but some say it derives its origins from the desert society where the foam is formed to prevent any sand or dirt going into your glass. The dirt will comment in the foam on the top, allowing you to sip a nice clean cup of tea.





Health

## NCDC prepares urgent plan to combat measles

The Director of the National Center for Disease Control (NCDC), Haider Al-Sayeh, has called on the relevant departments to prepare an urgent action plan to combat the measles disease in the country after recording measles cases in the southern region. This came during an expanded meeting held by Al-Sayeh with the directors of departments and technical offices operating at the NCDC to study the epidemiological situation in the country. He called for carrying out a vaccination campaign in the regions and some cities in the south to limit the spread of the disease and to protect citizens and residents inside the country.



Health

## Tripoli Eye Hospital restores the sight of 16-year-old girl with a rare disease

Doctors at the Eye Hospital in Tripoli have succeeded in restoring the sight of a 16-year-old patient with a rare disease. The Eye Hospital said that Taqwa had been suffering from poor eyesight since birth, and she was misdiagnosed outside Libya as hereditary glaucoma, and she underwent several operations abroad that did not work. The hospital indicated that Taqwa suffered from a rare disease that affects the cornea, called CHED, and she underwent a corneal transplant. After the operation, she was able to see the equivalent of 30 meters with visual acuity tests, amidst the joy of her family and the medical team that performed the operation.



Health

## Simulating Preparedness and Response to Polio Outbreak workshop takes place in Tripoli

The National Center for Disease Control launched on Sunday a workshop in cooperation with the World Health Organization at Al-Mahari Hotel in Tripoli. The workshop is titled "Simulating Preparedness and Response to an Outbreak of Polio" and it's held after the emergence of Polio cases in African countries, including neighboring countries: Chad and Niger. According to the center, Libya is completely free of Polio cases, underscoring the fact that efforts are being made to keep Polio out of Libya.

The workshop aims to identify the level of readiness of departments, laboratories and the health sector in general in the event of Polio cases being reported, according to a statement issued by the center, which also said it had reviewed the national plan to confront the outbreak of Polio, the reporting and monitoring mechanism, the identification of communication points and the emphasis on readiness and response to confront it at the local, regional and international levels.

The United Nations announced last Friday launching the largest Polio vaccination campaign in Africa since 2020 in three African countries with the aim of reaching 21 million children under the age of five, starting from Cameroon, Chad and Niger, and then moving to the Central African Republic after discovering 19 cases of Polio (Type 2) in those four countries.



Education

## National companies to print school books for next year

The Education Ministry has licensed 24 national companies to print school textbooks for the next academic year.

A statement by the ministry said that Minister of Education Mohammed Al-Maqrif convened a meeting with representatives of the concerned companies and the Center for Educational Curricula.

The minister said the step “aims to localize a new industry, support the local sector, and provide job opportunities for young people,” stressing the importance for national printing companies to prove their ability to work and achieve.

Minister Al-Maqrif gave the companies until mid-August to deliver the courses to the sub-book stores, noting that any company that fails to meet the deadline will be held accountable.

“Accomplishing the task on time is the challenge,” says Al-Maqrif, who confirmed that some foreign companies that the ministry dealt with last year failed to deliver some courses on time.

Last year, the lack of books brought immense challenges for pupils and teachers alike.

Pupils were asked to search for old books or download them online. On the other hand, teachers had to read relevant sections out to their class or write notes on the board.



Education

## Ministry of Education, UNICEF sign cooperation agreement to develop the sector

The Libyan Ministry of Education has signed a cooperation agreement with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to contribute to the development of the education sector in the country.

According to the Ministry Facebook page, the agreement includes cooperation, education development, teacher training, improvement of the educational environment, digital transformation, and remedial education.

The Minister of Education, Mussa Al-Maqrif, praised UNICEF efforts and its role in supporting the education sector, with the aim of raising the efficiency of teachers and supporting the educational process, stressing that the signed agreement will contribute to supporting the ministry’s plan.

The program aims to provide students with an appropriate, quality, inclusive education without interruption, through the rehabilitation of teaching staff and the improvement of educational conditions for students.



Sports

## PM reiterates support for young talent as he honors Karate champ Al-Madani

Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah has honored Libyan Karate Championship Salama Al-Madani, who won a gold medal in an international Championship in Tunisia.

The ninth-grade student from Benghazi was among 447 athletes who competed in the 19th edition of the Mediterranean Karate Championship in Radès of Tunisia about two weeks ago.

An event was held to honor the athlete on Tuesday in the presence of the PM, minister of sports, and president of the Karate Federation.

Dbeibah praised the Sports Ministry and the Libyan Karate Federation for their “efforts in sponsoring Libyan talents and supporting them in local and international competitions.”

Al-Madani, who clinched gold in women’s kumite over 61kg in Tunisia, had also won a gold medal for women’s kumite over 54kg in last year’s African Karate Championship in South Africa, becoming the first Libyan female to hold gold in a continental championship.



Sports

## Nasr club condemns attack on basketball team at Mitiga Airport

The Nasr Basketball Club has condemned the assault on its team by police officers at Mitiga International Airport in Tripoli.

The club said a group of police officers physically assaulted the team in the airport while on their way home to Benghazi.

The club’s administration held the security authorities, including the Ministry of Interior and the Tripoli Security Directorate, accountable for the “brutal acts.”

It called on the Basketball Association to provide security for the players and staff of national teams in cooperation with the relevant authorities.

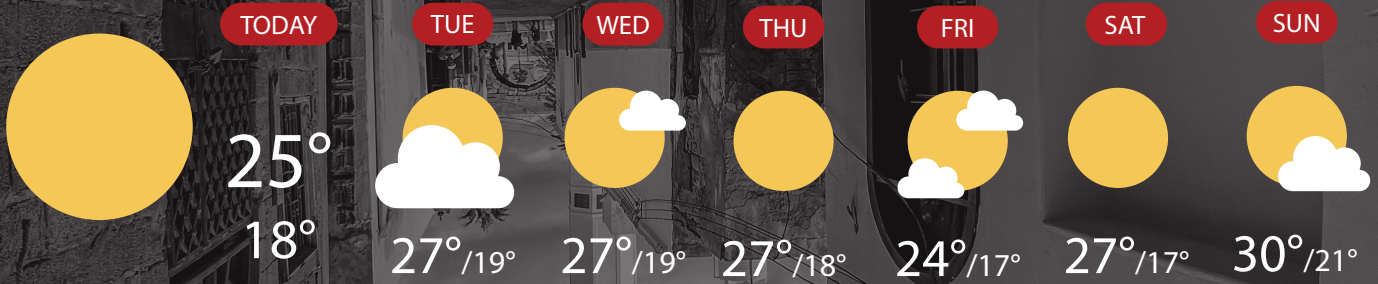
The Nasr team had played the return matches for the quarter-finals of the Libyan Basketball League against Al-Shabab and Al-Madina in the Great Hall of Tripoli.





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