

Politics

## Libyan PM meets Italian counterpart in Rome, signs a number of MoUs



The Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, accompanied by the Foreign Minister Najla Al-Mangoush, Designated Minister of Interior Emad Al-Trabelsi, Minister of State for Communication and Political Affairs Walid Ellafi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Oil Corporation Farhat Bengdara, and the Head of the Libyan Holding Company for Telecommunications, arrived Wednesday at the headquarters of the Italian government in Rome, where they were received by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and a number of senior Italian officials.

Dbeibah's media office said that the Libyan delegation held a meeting with the Italian government officials and the two sides signed memorandum of understanding in the fields of oil and natural gas, joint investment in the submerged areas in the Mediterranean basin and in the land areas in

the Ghadames basin, electrical interconnection, immigration and border protection, activating the contracts for water and sewage treatment plants, and an agreement to link Libya with Italy by the submarine cable. The meeting discussed the follow-up of the work of the bilateral committees to lift the airspace embargo on Libyan civil aviation in Italy and with a set deadline, and the necessary steps to establish the Libyan-Italian Higher Committee, in addition to the convening of the Libyan-Italian Economic Forum on the sidelines of the committee's first meeting.

Meanwhile, Dbeibah stressed the need to take actual steps to facilitate the granting of visas to Libyan citizens, indicating the importance of bilateral relations and supporting and developing them in all fields in order to achieve the common interests of the two peoples.

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## Libyan election law agreement reached in Morocco, signing postponed

The 6+6 joint committee of the House of Representatives (HoR) and the High Council of State (HCS) - which is specialized in preparing electoral laws, announced in Bouznika, Morocco, the postponement of signing the final agreement on the electoral law.

The Head of the House of Representatives (HoR) delegation in the committee, Jalal Al-Shuweihdi, said that representatives of the committee from both chambers agreed on a law for the presidential and parliamentary elections, awaiting the signature of HoR Speaker Aqila Saleh and Head of the HCS Khalid Al-Mishri on the final agreement regarding the law in the few coming days. The Head of the delegation of the for the HCS, Omar Bulifa, said that the meetings over the course of ten days discussed all the details, and ended with agreement on

all points of disagreement. He said they had listed two laws: the first is related to the legislative authority - a law for electing the National Assembly that consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate - and second is the law of electing the head of state.

"What we have accomplished was signed, after agreeing on the points of contention, without interference from any party. The laws gave all parties the opportunity to participate in the electoral process, and preserved the participation of women in the HoR or the Senate, according to what was stipulated in the 13th Constitutional Amendment." Bulifa said.

He explained that the laws also expanded the process of regional representation to all regions of Libya, adding that now the HoR

should enact the law in accordance with the 13th amendment of the Constitutional Declaration.

Saleh and Al-Mishri were scheduled to attend the press conference to sign the final agreement, but they chose not to attend due to disagreements regarding the conditions for running for the presidential elections. The two men arrived in Morocco on Monday evening to participate in the signing ceremony of the agreement. Sources said Al-Mishri left the meeting hall due to the dispute and thus the signing ceremony of the agreement had to be canceled.

Meanwhile, the United Nations envoy in Libya, Abdoulaye Bathily, also did not attend the closing presser of joint committee.

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## Libya's Mufti congratulates Erdogan and applauds Turkish people



The Mufti of Libya, Sheikh Al-Sadiq Al-Gharyani, congratulated Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his reelection for a new presidential term, adding on his program on Tanasuh TV that Erdogan's victory was a great event for all Muslims, as it "warmed Muslims' hearts and angered the hearts of their enemies and their agents in Libya and beyond." The Mufti said he "thanks Allah for Erdogan's victory, and praises Erdogan for what he deserves. We ask Allah to make him a supporter of the oppressed in Muslim countries, and we pray for the Turkish people to be rewarded for their successful, good choice."

"The joy of victory is not specific to the Turkish people, rather it is for all Muslims, especially those who are oppressed and forcibly displaced by the oppressors, their intelligence and their detention centers and are being chased by the dark rulers in the Arab countries of Syria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and in almost every country." The Mufti said. The Mufti pointed out that these oppressed people did not find anything but the "Muslim Turkey, while President Erdogan's opponents were threatening them to throw them to their enemies. This includes the issue of getting rid of all refugees that was at the top of the electoral propaganda of Erdogan's opponents because there is no mercy in the hearts of those secularists."

He said that the Turkish people, who experienced secularism and its cruelty, and what it led to in terms of poverty and violation of sanctities, were decisive, and their word was clear in choosing what they should choose. He also said that the ordeal was great and the test was difficult for the Turkish people in those elections because Erdogan's enemies in the countries of the West and the Arabs were speaking to people's pain which was the economic card, the strongest card for those who wanted to ensure victory in all elections. The Mufti indicated that there were those who had dominated the Turkish state in recent years to harm its economy and besieged the Turkish lira until it lost its value in order to put the Turkish people in a difficult test, as they made them choose between constants and religion on the one hand and a livelihood on the other. He also hailed the Turkish people for their patience. The Turkish President, Erdogan, won a new presidential term on May 28, in the second round of the presidential elections in the country.

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## UN envoy to Libya to brief Security Council on June 19



The UN Security Council will hold an open briefing session on Libya chaired by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on June 19. The UN envoy Abdoulaye Bathily will deliver the briefing as usual, Security Council Report website has reported.

The website said during a week-long meeting in Bouznika, Morocco, the 6+6 committee announced that it had reached agreement on holding simultaneous presidential and parliamentary elections, and that progress had been made on a number of outstanding issues related to the distribution of parliamentary seats, the inclusion of political parties, the representation of women, procedures for appealing electoral results, and the use of media for campaign purposes.

"The committee also called for the formation of a unified provisional government to "pave the way" for elections by the end of the year—an initiative that has reportedly been the topic of ongoing back-channel communications between representatives of Dbeibah and General Khalifa Haftar, who leads the self-styled Libyan National Army aligned with the HoR." The website explained.

It added that the UN and some Council members have previously expressed skepticism at the establishment of another interim government, however, concerned that it may distract from what they view as the primary task of holding elections.

"The progress recently reported by the 6+6 committee is a potentially positive development in this regard, although its significance depends on implementation, and independent analysts have argued that some Libyan political actors have incentives to maintain the status quo." The website added.

It said that at the June briefing, Council members are likely to reiterate their expectation that all parties display the political will to meet their stated commitments through concrete action, noting that both the UN and the legislatures have set June as the deadline to finalize electoral legislation to hold elections by the end of the year.

## Tripolitania Society says 6+6 committee's outcomes are made to fit certain people

The Tripolitanian Society rejected the results of the 6+6 Joint Committee meetings that were held in the Moroccan city of Bouznika, saying in a statement that the committee had failed to implement its first basic task of issuing a constitutional basis.

"The committee members acted beyond their powers as members of a committee proposed by two expired bodies by devising a mini-constitution that meets their aspirations to remain indefinitely in power in seeking to appoint a new military dictator of another nationality." The statement says.

It added that the committee disregarded the constitution that was drafted by the Constitution Drafting Assembly that was elected by the people and didn't approve presenting it to a popular referendum. It also indicated that the committee's requirement to create two chambers: a House of Representatives and a Senate is the biggest evidence that "they do not know the basics of constitutional work, believing that they have the authority to draft a detailed mini-constitution."

"The points made by the joint committee, such as allowing the military and dual nationals to run, are in violation of Libyan laws that are still in force, which say that the military is prevented from running for office, but also from practicing politics as well. The laws prevent dual nationals from assuming any state office, especially the position of prime minister and head of state. Drafting constitutional texts and articles is not the job of the committee, but rather it's a constitutional basis. We need action to close the House of Representatives and the High Council of State and to withdraw confidence from those who represent it in these two bodies. The public should protest in public squares against them." The statement indicated. The Tripolitanian Society also called on the UNSMIL, the UN envoy, and the Security Council to "move to Plan B and neutralize the obstructors through a plan and roadmap aimed at expanding participation in a community legal committee as a substitute for the two chambers to sign a clear agreement that adopts a constitutional basis based on the amended constitutional declaration which were the basis for the last legislative elections were held.



Economy

## Minister of Labour affirms government's endeavor to achieve social justice through raising salaries

The Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation, Ali Al-Abed, has affirmed the government's endeavor to achieve social justice through raising salaries, the unified salary scale, and providing a source of income for job seekers through training and integrating them into the labour market. This came during his participation in the 11th International Labour Conference in the Swiss city of Geneva.

Al-Abed revealed that work has begun to establish the Supreme Council for Vocational Education and Training, which is concerned with drawing education and training policies in all its stages and specializations.



Economy

## Governor of Libyan Central Bank reviews cooperation with US Treasury Department

The Governor of the Central Bank of Libya, Al-Siddiq Al-Kabir, met in Washington on Tuesday with US Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Eric Meyer, and the US Special Envoy and Ambassador to Libya Richard Norland, in addition to representatives from the US Treasury and State Departments. The Central Bank of Libya says on its Facebook page that the meeting, which was held at the headquarters of the US Treasury Department in Washington, D.C., discussed joint cooperation to combat money laundering and financing of terrorism.

The meeting also discussed the results of Article IV consultations with the International Monetary Fund and the efforts of the Central Bank of Libya, in partnership with the Government of National Unity, to invest in renewable energy and increase oil production rates.



Economy

## CBL Governor, USAID follow up technical support programs launched in 2022

The Governor of the Central Bank of Libya (CBL), Al-Siddiq Al-Kabir, discussed on Monday, the partnership with the United States Agency for Development (USAID), during a meeting at the USAID HQ in Washington.

The meeting touched on following up the implementation of the technical support programs package that was launched in 2022 with the support of the USAID, and the cooperation and support plan for the year 2024, according to the CBL Facebook page.

The meeting also discussed the CBL's initiatives regarding transparency, disclosure, liquidity and the development of electronic payment services.

The CBL delegation, headed by Al-Kabir, visited the US capital, Washington, where it held discussions with the International Monetary Fund, and also attended meetings with international financial institutions, to discuss the challenges facing the financial sector in the world.

Economy

## Ministry of Economy prohibits import of goods with images and phrases contrary to morals and religion

The Minister of Economy and Trade, Mohamed Al-Huwaij, has issued a decision banning the import of goods containing words or images that violate public morals, contradict Islamic law, or relate to the Zionist entity.

The decision bans the supply of clothes, fabrics, textiles, shoes, and all goods that contain words, phrases, drawings, images, symbols, slogans, or flags that violate public order and violate public morals of the Libyan society or are inconsistent with the Islamic faith, or those associated with any terrorist organization or related to the Zionist entity."

The decision also provides in its second article that the Customs Authority and the various law enforcement agencies should take all legal measures against violators in accordance with the legislation in force.



Economy

## CBL participates in international discussions about challenges of financial sector

The Governor of the Central Bank of Libya (CBL), Al-Siddiq Al-Kabir participated in the meetings held Friday in Washington with international financial institutions, to discuss the challenges facing the financial sector in the world.

Al-Kabir and his accompanied CBL delegation discussions focused on the proposed policies regarding these challenges in light of the technological development in the field of payment, digital currencies, climate change and crises.



Economy

## Libyan Oil Minister reviews timeline for return of Algerian companies to Libya

The Libyan Minister of Oil and Gas Mohammed Oun discussed in a meeting on the sidelines of OPEC+ in Vienna with his Algerian counterpart, Mohamed Arkab, the timeline for the return of Algerian companies to work in Libya, and the follow-up on the latest developments in oil operations.

The major oil-producing countries held a meeting, the second since March 2020, on Sunday, and it was supposed to tackle the understanding between Saudi Arabia and Russia for reducing oil production, after indications recently revealed a discrepancy between them in some positions.

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Opinions

## Libya as microcosm of international conflict

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Enduring disorder is a global feature at the current stage, as the US dominated unipolar order in the post-Cold War is crumbling. When world order begins to collapse, new competing forces emerge, and this shift in the balance of power has not yet crystallized in a new world order. Libya is one of the countries most affected by such shift, and it is possible through the conflict taking place within or around it, to see a microcosm reflecting the largest conflict situation at global level.

This is how Jason Pack, an American expert on Arab and Middle Eastern affairs, eyes the case of Libya in the post-Gaddafi trajectory, in his newly translated book into Arabic (*Libya and the Global Enduring Disorder*). He believes that Libya, Syria, Yemen, Venezuela, Ukraine, could remain mired in their conflicts for several years to come, as long as the world order is still fragmented, and lacks coordination of the collective action to achieve goals that will eventually benefit all.

Perhaps the extent of divergence between major powers of the UN Security Council, and the continued failure to reach even the minimum level of consensus on many crises confirms validity of the author's argument. UN Security Council is the most important international institution through which policies and goals can be coordinated. However, over the past years, the Security Council failed to put the Libyan crisis, or indeed other crises on the path to a solution.

Understanding the Libyan situation is the way to understand international relations, as several regional countries struggle in Libya to secure their commercial and geopolitical interests. Egypt, Turkey and the UAE seek to upset the regional balance of power in their favour.

With the state of collapse in Libya, and Russia's undermining of Western attempts to strengthen the system, and inability of the European Union -due to competition among some of its member states- to maximize its own gains, the decline of the role of the global order in controlling and settling crises is clear and indeed evident. The main reason for this decline lies in what the authors calls the "empty throne" or absence of a global power that imposes on everyone a clear path that takes into account different interests and balance them up. The US is losing its hegemonic power partly through competition with China and Russia, China also fails or does not want to lead the world, and there are no real poles to balance the order up. This is what the writer calls enduring disorder.

The book presents several proposals and recommendations to dissect the main causes of the conflict, especially in terms of the economy, which it considers the enduring driver of conflict and competition. The rules of the Libyan economy must be rewritten in a transparent manner. The key economic issues that provoked six years of conflict will remain, unless a new plan that takes into account expert advice and will of the Libyan people can reformulate the economic role and put the country on the path to prosperity and development of human capital.

Within the book, there are several reviews, comments, and testimonies about the book and the Libyan crisis written by personalities who worked on various missions in Libya, such as Jonathan Winer, former US special envoy for Libya, Stephanie Williams, former deputy UN envoy, former British ambassador to Libya Peter Millett, and others.

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Health

### Minister of Health discusses pharmaceutical cooperation with American, Portuguese companies



Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Minister of Health, Ramadan Abu Janah, has discussed with a Portuguese drug manufacturing company, and an American company specialized in vaccines, cooperation in all fields of pharmaceutical services, including manufacturing and supply.

The representatives of the two companies were participating in the Libya International Forum and Exhibition for Health Care and Hospitalization.

They expressed their willingness to open and strengthen cooperation with the Ministry of Health, praising the organization of the Health Care Exhibition, according to the Deputy Minister Facebook page.

Health

### Ukrainian team performs 58 eye surgeries at Misrata Medical Center



The visiting Ukrainian medical team specialized in retinal problems and strabismus, in cooperation with the Department of Ophthalmology at the Misrata Medical Center and the Medical Services Development Authority, completed its five-day medical visit to the center on Sunday, where it performed several successful eye operations.

Director of Misrata Medical Center, Mohamed Bayou, said in a statement to the Libyan News Agency that this visit comes to alleviate the suffering of patients to the center from various Libyan cities and regions, and sparing them the hardship of travel abroad for treatment.

The visiting medical team, examined 359 cases and performed 58 different eye surgeries, including retinal and strabismus operations, all of which were successful.

Health

### In 24 hours, hospital in Kufra receives 25 cases of scorpion stings



A hospital in the southern city of Kufra has received 25 cases of scorpion stings in just one day, according to the hospital's administration.

The hospital said it recorded 16 cases in just one hour on Friday, most of them were children.

With the summer season approaching, southerners fear scorpion stings, which could be deadly amid the intermittent vaccine supplies.

Health

### Minister of Health announces the launch of Libyan Doctor Initiative



Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Minister of Health, Ramadan Abu Janah, has announced the launch of the Libyan Doctor's Initiative to provide health services to citizens in all parts of Libya, starting with training and developing national cadres to conducting the most accurate medical operations during the next three months.

This came during the participation of the Deputy Prime Minister in the 15th Libya International Forum and Exhibition for Health Care and Hospitalization in the Tripoli International Fair.

More than 100 local and international companies are participating in the forum, including manufacturing and importing medical medicines companies in Libya and abroad.

Sports

## Libyan PM participates in opening new Football Federation's headquarters



The Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, accompanied by the Minister of Sports, Abdul Shafie Al-Jweifi, participated Tuesday in the opening of the new headquarters of the Libyan Football Federation (LFF).

Attending a meeting of the LFF and the clubs qualified for the six-team round of the Libyan Premier League, Dbeibah reiterated the need to start developing an integrated sports technical project with specific periods and strategies that guarantee the achievement of the desired goals sought by Libyans. He urged for the formation of technical work committees sponsored and supported by the government represented in the Ministry of Sports. Dbeibah urged the LFF and all clubs to unite all efforts in order to establish successful competitions that produce strong teams to meet the aspirations of Libyan fans "so they can see their national clubs shine in Arab, African and international finals."

He vowed to provide the necessary support to the six clubs and the LFF during the six-team round, stressing that he had met the desire of the clubs to hold the matches outside Libya, specifically in Tunisia, for the last time.

Crimes



## Public Prosecutor Office arrests a person cultivating hashish in his farm

The Public Prosecutor Office has announced the arrest of a person accused of cultivating the narcotic plant "hashish" in his farm south of Tripoli, after receiving a report.

Upon arriving to the farm, the report was confirmed, the means of transport and the tools that were used in cultivating and trading in the plant were seized, according to the Office.

Education

## Libya, Morocco sign 5-year long MoU on education



The Minister of Education of Government of National Unity, Musa al-Maqrif, has signed with Minister of National Education, Primary Education and Sports in Morocco, Chakib Benmoussa, a memorandum of understanding and cooperation for a period of 5 years in the field of education, in order to strengthen relations between the two countries, according to an announcement by the Libyan Ministry of Education on Sunday.

The ministry reported that the MoU was signed on Friday, at the end of the 13th Conference of Arab Ministers of Education, which was hosted by Morocco on May 31.

It explained that the MoU aims to establish a framework for bilateral cooperation and understanding in the field of education between the two brotherly countries, and that the areas of cooperation include exchange of information and expertise in preparation and formation of educational, administrative and technical cadres.

The MoU also includes integrating information and communication technology into the educational field, developing educational partnership between educational institutions of both countries, encouraging the participation of female and male students in scientific, sports and cultural events and competitions, as well as experts in conferences, seminars and workshops.

The MoU in the field of scientific and educational research also provides for establishing partnerships and facilitating exchange of visits by educational researchers, in addition to forming a joint working committee in order to facilitate the implementation, supervision and evaluation of the MoU, and that the joint committee to hold its meetings regularly and when necessary, in either country, according to Libyan Ministry of Education.

Culture



## Ahmed Al-Ansari House reopened after development work

The Ahmed Al-Ansari House for documents and historical information was reopened on Thursday in the presence of Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah.

The opening ceremony was also joined by the Minister of State for Communication and Political Affairs, Walid Al-Lafi, the head of the Old City Administration, the head of the Old City of Tripoli Organization, and the head of the Antiquities Authority.

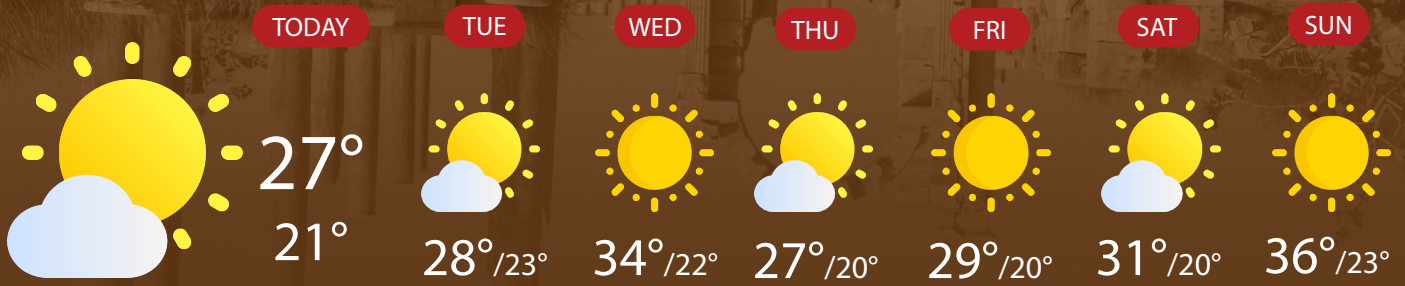
The guests had the opportunity to get a close look at historical documents in political, religious, social, and economic areas, besides rare books in various fields of science.

In 2021, the Old City administration started a project to develop the Ahmed Al-Ansari House, established during the Italian occupation era, before announcing the completion of the maintenance work on May 28, 2023.



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