

Politics Libya welcomes truce in Palestinian territories

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Government of National Unity has praised the Qatari, Egyptian and American mediation efforts that contributed to an agreement on a 4-day humanitarian truce in Gaza.

In a statement, the Ministry called for implementation of all provisions of the truce and the final cessation of Israeli aggression against the Palestinians.

The statement also called for allowing the flow of aid and humanitarian convoys that arrived in the areas adjacent to the Gaza Strip.

The State of Qatar announced earlier on Wednesday the success of joint mediation efforts together with Egypt and the United States, between Israel and the Palestinian resistance movement, which resulted in an agreement on a humanitarian truce, the start of which will be announced within 24 hours, and will last for four-renewable days.

The Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement that the agreement includes exchange of 50 civilians both women and children prisoners in the Gaza Strip in the first stage, in exchange for the release of a number of Palestinian women and children detained in Israeli prisons, provided that the numbers of those released will be increased in later stages of the implementation of the agreement.

The statement added: "The truce will also allow the entry of a larger number of humanitarian convoys and relief aid, including fuel designated for humanitarian needs."

Qatar underscored the continuation of its diplomatic efforts to reduce escalation, stop bloodshed, and protect civilians, appreciating the role of Egypt and the USA in supporting the mediation efforts to reach this agreement.

Politics

PC announces military reshuffles and new bodies



The Presidential Council (PC) in its capacity as the Supreme Commander of the Libyan army has issued a series of decisions to promote officers and restructure the army.

According to the decision, the officers (Salah Al-Namroush, Abdel-Qader Mansour, Muhammad Musa) will take on new tasks after being promoted to the rank of lieutenant general.

Al-Namroush will serve as deputy chief of staff, in addition to his role as commander of the West Coast region.

Under the decision, the PC established two new bodies, namely Operations and Training and the Control and Judiciary Authority. The former is now affiliated with the Chief of Staff, while the latter comprises four key departments, including the General Authority for Military Justice, the Military Intelligence Department, the Military Public Prosecutor and the Finance Department.

Abdul Qader Mansour will helm the Operations and Training while Muhammad Musa will lead the Control and Judiciary Authority.

Moreover, the Supreme Commander of the Army has called on the Ministry of Defence to maintain the joint operations room in the western and southwestern regions.

The military units stationed in Gharyan, Mizda, Nasma, Qurayyat, and Zalten will continue to perform their tasks until a decision regarding them is taken by the Defence and Security Council.

Politics

Bathily invites main Libyan leaderships to meeting for resolving points of contention



The Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) Abdoulaye Bathily has extended invitations to key Libyan institutional stakeholders to attend a meeting in the coming period to reach a settlement on the politically contested issues pertaining to the implementation of the electoral process.

UNSMIL said Thursday in a statement that Bathily had requested the institutional stakeholders to designate representatives to participate in a preparatory meeting, adding that the designated representatives of the Presidential Council, House of Representatives, High Council of State, Government of National Unity and the General Command of the "Libyan National Army" would discuss the date, venue, and agenda of the meeting of their principals.

"They will also identify the outstanding issues that need to be resolved to enable the High National Elections Commission to commence the implementation of the electoral laws issued by the House of Representatives." The statement said.

"For the first time since elections failed to proceed on 24 December 2021, Libya now has in place a constitutional and legal framework for the elections," said Bathily, calling on the major actors "to move, in good faith, to the next stage in order to achieve our shared goal to deliver free, transparent and inclusive elections for the Libyan people."

Bathily called on all stakeholders to redouble efforts to resolve the outstanding political issues through UN-facilitated dialogue, and in a spirit of compromise. He also urged the stakeholders to show their full commitment to achieving national unity, peace and security in Libya, by engaging positively with his efforts to break the political deadlock.

On October 07, the House of Representatives passed the law for parliamentary and presidential elections after the 6+6 joint committee had finished devising it.

Politics

PC says any military movement requires prior permission



The Presidential Council, in its capacity as Supreme Commander of the Libyan Army, issued an order to all military units requiring them to obtain prior permission before carrying out any movements, regardless of the reasons and justifications.

"We alert all military unit commanders of the need to adhere to the instructions and return vehicles, weapons, and individuals to their camps," a statement by the PS said.

It obliged the Chief of General Staff and the Military Intelligence Department to report any military unit that violates these instructions.

The joint operations room for the defence of the western and south-western regions had announced that it had assigned a force to secure and protect the region, including the Ras Jedir crossing border.

However, this has caused tension in the region as the Supreme Council of the Amazigh of Libya believes that the move is an attempt to control the Ras Jedir crossing.

The Council warned of any military movement that would drag the western region, especially near the city of Zuwara, into "unpredictable events."

It further called on the Prime Minister to immediately dissolve the Joint Chamber and withdraw it from the region.

The Council stressed through its president that the Amazigh component would not participate or be represented in the joint room, which came after deliberate marginalization of the Amazigh, as they put it.

Politics

Dbeibah praises Qatari-Egyptian efforts to achieve truce in Gaza



Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah has expressed his gratitude for the Qatari-Egyptian efforts, which led to a humanitarian truce in Gaza, during a phone call with Prime Minister/ Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar, Sheikh Mohammed Al Thani.

On his X platform, Dbeibah hoped the truce would help alleviate the suffering of the population in Gaza and end "this barbaric, unjust war" waged by the Israelis against the besieged territory.

The deal mediated by Qatar, Egypt, and the US involves a four-day cease-fire in war-hit Gaza and the phased release of at least 50 hostages by Hamas in return for 150 Palestinians held in Israeli jails).

According to Qatari statements, the truce announced on Wednesday would also facilitate the deployment of desperately needed humanitarian aid to Gaza.

More than 14,500 people have been killed in Gaza since Israel began its assault on the territory in response to Hamas's attack on the Israeli settlements north of Gaza on October 7.

At least 1,200 Israelis died on that day and about 240 people were taken by Hamas fighters, while only four have been released so far.

Politics

Libya's HoR-designated PM accuses Dbeibah of causing security, social unrest in the west



The Prime Minister-designate by the House of Representatives, (HoR) Osama Hammad, accused Saturday the Government of National Unity (GNU), headed by Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, of "provoking security and social tensions" in the west of the country, warning of the consequences of igniting a security, political and social crisis "through the de facto authorities."

Hammad also accused the GNU of trying to impose its control over the country by force under the pretext of imposing security and fighting enemies, stressing the need for state institutions to secure the borders, considering that the inability of these institutions to do their jobs opened the way for armed groups to engage in unrest that has no use other than enriching their leaders and impoverishing the nation.

Hammad did not explain or specify the reasons that prompted him to issue the statement, but it is clear that he referred to the tension that recently occurred near the city of Zuwara, where the joint operations room for the defense of the western and southwestern regions that the government recently formed announced that it had assigned a security force to secure and protect the region, including Ras Ajdair border crossing.

This has caused tension in the region due to what the Supreme Council of Libyan Amazigh of Libya considered an approach from the Joint Operations Room to control Ras Ajdair crossing, as the Council warned against any military movements - especially what is happening near the city of Zuwara - saying this would drag the western region into unpredictable unrest.

The Presidential Council, in its capacity as Chief Commander of the Libyan Army, issued an order to all military units not to carry out any action without obtaining a prior permission, regardless of the reasons and justifications.

"All commanders of military units must adhere to the instructions to return vehicles, weapons, and individuals to their camps. The Chief of General Staff and the Military Intelligence Department must report any military unit that violates these instructions in order to take legal measures against it."The Presidential Council said.

Economy

Finance Ministry signs three agreements with African Development Bank

During a meeting with a high-level delegation from the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Minister of Finance of the Government of National Unity, Khalid Al-Mabrouk, discussed the AfDB's efforts to support and develop the public and private sectors in Libya. The two parties also signed three agreements.

The agreements included technical assistance in the areas of supporting the Ministry in digitization, emergency support for Libyan regions and cities affected by Storm Daniel, and mechanisms for preparing and implementing a strategy for food security in Libya.

Al-Mabrouk welcomed the AfDB's support for projects that included the water, transportation and transport sectors, and support for small and medium enterprises, in addition to its support for the public finance reform project and the shift toward digitization in the financial sector.

The Deputy Director General of the Regional Office of the AfDB, Malin Bloomberg, praised the efforts of the Ministry of Finance, which aimed to create a strong partnership with the AfDB and enhance investment and development opportunities in various fields.

Economy

Supreme Council for Energy Affairs discusses NOC plan to increase production

The National Oil Corporation (NOC) has presented implementation plan for strategic projects aimed at increasing oil production.

This came during the meeting of the Supreme Council for Energy Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, to discuss fuel file and activation of factories in the Ras Lanuf Industrial Complex.

The meeting also discussed the Council of Ministers' decision regarding referring the water affairs to the supreme council, in accordance with the recommendation of the meeting held by the Prime Minister with the Management Committee in the presence of the head of the Audit Bureau and the Governor of the Central Bank of Libya last February at the Man-Made River Authority.



Economy

NOC discusses expected exploration programs of Eni in 2024

The exploration departments of the National Oil Corporation (NOC) and the Italian company Eni held a broad meeting on Wednesday morning to discuss the exploratory activity of the Italian company in 2023 and expected exploration programs in 2024, according to NOC report on its Facebook account.

The meeting was held at NOC headquarters in Tripoli in the presence of a number of specialists and technicians from NOC Exploration Department, the Director General of Exploration of Eni in Libya and a number of specialists of the company's office in Tripoli, and through the teleconference specialists from Eni company at its headquarters in Milan and a number of specialists from British Petroleum (BP), as well as a number of specialists from the Libyan Investment Company.

NOC said that the meeting comes within the framework of a series of annual technical meetings conducted by the Corporation's Exploration Department with the participating foreign companies, noting that today's meeting is the second with Eni officials regarding A, B, & C blocks where Eni conducts explorations in partnership with British Petroleum and the Libyan Investment Company.

The NOC explained that during the meeting, it discussed with the Italian company exploration activities in 2023 in the (A,B & C) blocks granted to it in the Ghadames basin southwest of Libya, the offshore blocks and the proposed works to be implemented in 2024, and the studies underway, in addition to what is proposed for 2024.

Economy



NOC reviews with Polish Oil and Gas Company resumption of work in Libya

During a technical meeting with the Polish Oil and Gas Company on Monday morning in Tripoli, the National Oil Corporation (NOC) discussed lifting force majeure and resuming the company's exploration activity in Libya in 2023.

The NOC said in a statement that the meeting also saw a discussion of the proposed technical work for 2024 regarding seismic surveying, exploratory drilling, and geological studies.

The statement added that this meeting comes within the framework of completing the annual technical meetings held between the NOC and the participating foreign companies. The NOC announced that crude oil production reached 1,240,000 barrels per day, and condensate production reached 50,000 barrels per day in the past 24 hours. It also announced that the total domestic consumption of natural gas reached 879 million cubic feet in the same period.

Economy



NOC exports first shipment of Erwin crude

The National Oil Corporation (NOC) has announced that the first shipment of "Erwin" crude, produced from the Erwin field, has been exported through the Zallaf oil and gas exploration and production company.

According to the NOC, the shipment was estimated at 600,000 barrels and was exported from the port of Zawiya. The Director of the Operations and Maintenance Department at Zallaf Libya has also confirmed that the first shipment of the company's production from the Erwin field was exported through the port of Zawiya, with the quantity shipped being approximately 600,000 barrels of Zallaf crude.

It is noteworthy that the production of Erwin crude began last April at a rate of 3,000 barrels per day and has since increased to a rate of 6,000 barrels per day as of November.



Economy

Misurata Free Zone signs MoU with China Harbour

The Misurata Free Zone has signed a memorandum of understanding with China Harbour Company to study potential investments in infrastructure projects.

The parties inked the MoU on the sidelines of the North African International Conference and Exhibition for Ports and Free Zones in Misurata.

Under the agreement, Harbor will conduct a feasibility study for the development of sites A and B at Misurata Free Zone, as well as evaluate prospects for investment in major infrastructure projects in the region.

It may be worth noting that Harbor is a leading Chinese company in the field of implementing and operating ports and

engineering works.

The company has demonstrated its capability in executing large-scale infrastructure projects, such as the construction of ports, tunnels, bridges, roads, and marine facilities, across more than 100 countries worldwide.

On Saturday, the North African International Exhibition for Ports and Free Zones kicked off in the presence of relevant ministers and government agencies.

The event saw the participation of over 50 local and international companies specializing in the field of ports and free zones.



Opinions

Shape of the world after Operation Al-Aqsa Flood

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With the exception of some remote forests or mountains, no one in this world has not heard or is not affected by Al-Aqsa flood. In recent decades, the world has not witnessed an event such as this one that moved the people, the world over to follow, demonstrate, and interact in various forms, and the barbaric aggression that followed against Gaza, following the operation carried out by the resistance brigades in occupied Palestine, which inflicted unprecedented defeat on the occupation army, in its entire history.

The event surpassed in its impact September 11 and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, despite the political and economic transformations they caused on all continents. Perhaps the most appropriate description of it is what the cultural literature describes as the butterfly effect.

A small event, like a butterfly flapping its wings, can set off hurricanes in the farthest reaches of the world. Gaza, from which the event began, is a small strip of land in Palestine, but it has young elite with inherent great liberation cause, the struggle for which has continued across generations for nearly a century.

The impact of the 'Flood Operation' goes beyond politics, wars, economics, and international relations, to cognitive, psychological, cultural, and ideological matters, as the conflict in Palestine is no longer viewed as portrayed by the enemy's narrative, and Western media platforms that adopt such narrative and promote it with the capabilities they possess, reducing the conflict to a factional resistance attack on October 7, ignoring more than seven decades of occupation.

The attack raised questions about its causes and prompted everyone to search for the root cause of the conflict. Since the younger generations had their own means of acquiring information through Internet platforms, as they were automatically liberated from traditional media, that monopolized the media field and used it to serve its own agenda.

So, they come to learn that the resistance process did not start in a vacuum, and is not a terrorist act that we condemn and the matter will end, but rather it is a natural reaction to the practices of the occupier, and its persistent killing, oppression, arrest, and repeated consecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque, and its insistence on confiscating land, destroying farms and homes.

Everyone knew what the Zionist circles were withholding from their audience, so the most prominent slogan in all demonstrations was: Freedom for Palestine.

Many highlighted and posted their stances on the conflict via

social media platforms. They stated that they realized the facts that were missing and the extent of their countries' involvement in this historical injustice to which the Palestinian people were subjected. Others are impressed by the steadfastness of the people of Gaza and the depth of their faith prompted them to read again Islamic religion. They dissected the prevailing stereotype that was deliberately mainstreamed through the media, cinema and other cultural influences, some of whom were led by this revision to convert to Islam.

The myth of the invincible army and the oasis of democracy fell in the ocean of tyranny. The masks of falsehood and deception that were perpetuated through cultural tools fell, and the ugly face of the occupying entity appeared very clear, and the world witnessed its brutality and barbarism.

The flood tore apart all old claims about international law, human rights, and war conventions, as they are nothing but tools to serve the interests of the major plundering powers, and revealed the ridiculous contradiction in the positions of Western politicians. Russia's practices in Ukraine are war crimes, while the same practices in Gaza and the West Bank are self-defense!

The flood divided institutions of parties of the countries supporting the aggression between those who supported this aggression and those who rejected it, and ousted British Home Secretary, and will oust others in various ways, such as losing elections, or facing justice when leaving power on charges of complicity and supporting war crimes. All thrones are shaking today, and no one is secure in power.

The impact of the event will not be limited to the present, but will extend to the future, after the collapse of ancient myths, the fall of lies, and all colonial narratives that established Western hegemony over the oppressed peoples.

As the contemporary world has been moving for years from almost absolute American hegemony, towards a multipolar world led by more than one power, after the weakness that befell the American empire, and the rise of old and new powers to take their place on the international decision-making table, Al-Aqsa flood will be the accelerating factor for this movement, and after the flood subsides, and the smoke of battles in Palestine clears, tomorrow the sun will rise on a different world that is being shaped. We will see how the flood swept away into a deep abyss, all Zionists' lies, arrogance, sense of superiority, and suppression of the people of Palestine.

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Tripoli University Hospital to increase clinical capacity

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health for Medical Centres Affairs, Tawfiq Al-Darsi, on Tuesday, reviewed with the Director of Tripoli University Hospital the ongoing and suspended projects, as well as the work of electromechanical and equipment maintenance companies.

The meeting discussed plans to increase the clinical capacity of nurseries and care facilities, as well as improving the work of hospital stores and coordination mechanisms with the medical supply system.

The Ministry of Health directors of projects, equipment, supplies, pharmacy, medical services, inspection, follow-up, and nursing, along with a representative of the medical supply system, were present at the meeting.



Health

American medical team performs surgeries at Misrata Medical Center

A Visiting American medical team specialized in heart surgery began on Monday to perform open-heart surgeries in the city of Misrata, under the supervision of the Agency for Support and Development of Therapeutic Services.

The agency stated on its official page that the American team arrived in Misrata on Sunday and its visit will continue for 21 days within the plan of the localization of treatment program inside the country.



Health

Ministry of Women's Affairs studies establishing advanced infertility treatment centres in Libya

The Minister of State for Women's Affairs, Houria Tarmal, held a meeting with Ahmed Militan, the head of the Treatment Services Support and Development Authority, to discuss strategies for providing infertility treatment within Libya.

The meeting was prompted by an agreement between Libya and a Turkish medical company that specialized in infertility treatments, which will provide services within a maximum of three weeks at the complex clinic on Airport Road. The parties discussed the importance of equipping medical

centers with advanced technologies and foreign expertise in infertility treatment, to ensure that medical services are provided to citizens in an organized and efficient manner. Another topic was an initiative to establish a national system dedicated to delayed childbearing and an all-inclusive vision for this issue, in line with the government's "To Restore Life" plan.

The plan aims to develop centers for delayed childbearing and provide them with modern equipment and qualified medical personnel.

Sports



Libya draws with Cameroon in World Cup qualifiers

The Libyan national football team drew 1-1 with its Cameroonian counterpart at Benina Martyrs Stadium in Benghazi, in the second round of the group D of qualifiers for the upcoming 2026 World Cup, which includes: Libya, Cameroon, Angola, Cape Verde, Eswatini, and Mauritius. The Cameroonian national team's first goal came from penalty in the 33rd minute of the first half, and before the end of the first half, in the 43rd minute, the Libyan national team equalized the score through Abdel Moneim Akasha.

With this draw, the Libyan national team points rise to 4, after winning the first round with a goal against the Eswatini national team, and it is the same tally as the Cameroon national team after it won in the opening round against Mauritius with three goals to nil, to lead the group on goal difference over Libyan national team.

Education



Al-Qaib, Bosnian ambassador discuss cooperation in higher education

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research Imran Al-Qaib met on Sunday with the Bosnian Ambassador to Libya, Nermin Misnovic, to discuss cooperation in the field of higher education between the two countries.

Al-Qaib presented during the meeting a draft memorandum of understanding for cooperation to be studied by the Bosnian side.

The proposal includes dispatching campus assistants, faculty members, outstanding students, and rare medical specialties students to universities of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

For his part, the Bosnian ambassador stressed his endeavour to enhance the prospects for cooperation between the two nations in this field, appreciating the warm reception from the Libyan side.

It is noteworthy that the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research formed, in mid-October, a committee to follow up on financial authorizations related to scholarship decisions.

Education



Universities resume study after two months of strike

The Presidency of the University of Tripoli announced on Facebook on Saturday the resumption of study in all its faculties, starting Sunday, November 19.

The Head of the Faculty Syndicate at the University of Tripoli, Osama Al-Azraq, explained that the resumption of study across Libya came based on the General Syndicate's agreement with the Internal Security Apparatus on November 16.

Al-Azraq pledged to compensate the students for the strike period by providing additional lectures to complete the semester, indicating that they would follow up on their demands via the judiciary system.

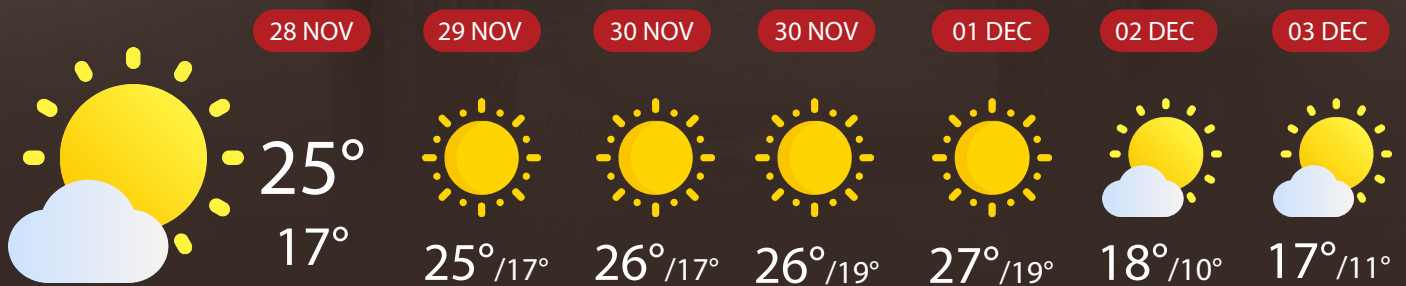
Classes were suspended for the current academic year in more than 50 educational institutions, including universities, higher institutes, and colleges, after the teaching staff organized a strike on September 05, demanding salaries, vacations, and studying abroad rights.

The demands of the teaching staff revolved around the implementation of Universities Law No. 4 of 2020 regarding increasing the salaries of university professors, sending teaching assistants and master's degree holders abroad, granting sabbatical leave to professors and teaching assistants, attending practical conferences abroad, and paying the delayed financial dues of university professors.

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