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Haftar: "Libyan Army" is under no authority



In words echoing his thirst for war, Khalifa Haftar said Monday that the "Libyan Army" is under no authority and that he won't succumb to "trickery" in the name of "civilian life".

Speaking at a parade for his forces in Benghazi to commemorate the 81st anniversary of establishing the Libyan Army, Haftar said his forces will continue to fight "waves of terrorists who came to Libya with murder and decapitation," saying his forces are "the cornerstone for people's demands of the Libyan Army when their lives are in danger.

Haftar said he is with any party that wants to achieve justice and peace, saying he won't recognize "humility agreements", and that his forces paved the way for what is going on in Libya, as without his forces, "there won't be a unity government and elections".

Despite the crowdedness of his secret prisons and the murders he committed against his opponents, Haftar said his forces had never been a tool of aggression or oppression against Libyans.

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Double Standards: UNSMIL condemns "hate acts" on Libyan coastal road



The United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) said it joins the 5+5 Joint Military Commission (JMC) in condemning the "act of hatred" that took place on the coastal road few days ago, following its opening on 30 July 2021.

UNSMIL added in a statement that the long-awaited opening of the coastal road is not only vital for reconnecting Libya and ordinary Libyans, allowing humanitarian access and the flow of commerce, but also for the peace and unity of Libya in general.

"Thoughtless acts like this jeopardize the implementation of the Ceasefire Agreement of October 2020, the reunification of the country, and social cohesion. The Mission echoes the JMC's call for relevant Libyan authorities to take immediate action and hold perpetrators accountable for such acts." UNSMIL indicated.

The Libyan 5+5 Joint Military Commission condemned last Tuesday "hostile acts" that aim to undermine the unity of the country and its stability on the coastal road between east and west Libya, adding in a statement that the chaos on the coastal road was a hate act that was done by spoilers who aimed to destabilize Libya, condemning all kinds of unrest and division on the coastal road or any other area in the country.

Some fans of a sports club put photos of Khalifa Haftar on the road so cars can pass over them before removing them after the match of last Sunday ended.

Observers saw the reaction of the 5+5 JMC toward the incident that involved Haftar as "double standards" in comparison to its delayed reactions toward similar incidents of figures from western region or from other countries happening in eastern Libya, especially the recent incidents on last Tuesday in the east with people insulting western region figures including a fighter against Italian occupation, Ramadan Al-Suwailhi.

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Libyan Fatwa House: UNSMIL, some ambassadors support Haftar over government



The Islamic Sharia Research and Studies Council of the Libyan Fatwa House has condemned "the support of the UN Support Mission in Libya: UNSMIL, and some states' ambassadors" for Khalifa Haftar who "is a rebel against legitimacy and the Government of National Unity that is recognized by the international community."

The council said in a statement Sunday that the UNSMIL and certain ambassadors are equalizing the legitimacy with the outlaws and this is an unfair intervention in Libyan affairs.

It also welcomed the preparation for elections and the calls for holding fair and transparent elections as they are the only way for Libyans to choose their leadership without force and coercion, adding that any elections at the areas out of the government control like those under Haftar's command, are hardly credible as there is no free choice in areas where force and coercion is the norm.

"Haftar's militias used force to prevent the government from entering Benghazi so how they will allow ordinary civilians to vote freely or compete against Haftar and his sons, who have been practicing murder and intimidation. There are areas in the east and south regions that are outside the rule of the government, which should communicate with the international community to prevent holding elections in areas not under its control as they wouldn't be free and fair ones." The Fatwa House added.

It also urged for an investigation into the alleged forgery of voters registry and national IDs, calling on the High National Elections Commission to take up its responsibility and be neutral regarding elections and electoral centers as well as fair population representation.



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Al-Haddad: Army will serve nation's interest away from political strife



Libya's army Chief, Lieutenant-General, Mohamed Al-Haddad, has affirmed the army's commitment to its sound military doctrine and the laws that obligate it not to interfere in political life.

In a speech to mark the 81st anniversary of establishing the Libyan army, Al-Haddad underscored that the military would stay focused on serving the nation's interest away from schisms and political strife. "The establishment of the Libyan army was a good omen of independence, and today it will be the cornerstone for ending the crisis and building the country."

He indicated that those fueling the conflict in Libya, whether internal or external parties want to drag the army into taking sides in order to achieve hegemonic ambitions, underscoring that such an approach is not in the values and doctrine of the military establishment.

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It is not clear whether Libyans will be able to hold elections on time, Italian Interior Minister says



Italian Interior Minister, Luciana Lamorgese has said that "it is not clear whether the Libyans will be able to hold the elections next December as scheduled or not", describing the situation in Libya as dangerous.

Commenting on her policy regarding the management of the migration file in her country, Lamorgese revealed that the Libyan ministers submitted specific requests, which she did not clarify, related to the migration file, during her meeting with them at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs HQ, according to the Italian agency AKI.

On August 4, the Italian Minister of the Interior, Luciana Lamorgese, visited Libya, during which she stressed the need to communicate with the Libyan Interior Ministry to coordinate a number of important and common issues, the most important of which is the illegal migration file.

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Irini commander requests more EU support to implement arms embargo on Libya



Commander of the EU military naval operation Irini Fabio Agostini presented during the 2021 Prague Summit on the innovation and development of the European Defense Industrial Base, the operation's needs to fully deliver the UN arms embargo on Libya.

"The EU needs clear political-military guidelines to enhance interoperability among member states while avoiding fragmentation, in

light of the growing global competition over the defense industry," Agostini said.

In order to promote the integration of military knowledge into civilian UAV technology, Irini's command considers it necessary to develop EU-made drones with sophisticated technology.

Satellite communication is also vital to the mission, says Agostini, underscoring that the EU Satellite Center provides on an almost daily basis valuable analysis of satellite imagery and intelligence

Economy

Turkey's exports to Libya increased by 58% in 7 months



Turkish exports to Libya increased by 58% in the first seven months of 2021 (325 billion dollars) compared to the same period in 2020, while a statement by the Turkish Foreign Economic Relations reported work by the Turkish-Libyan Business Council headed by Murtaza Karanfil.

Karanfil said the visit by Libyan Prime Minister Abdul-Hamid Dbeibah to Istanbul last week was very vital for boosting cooperation in trade and the future of political and economic cooperation.

Karanfil said political understanding between Turkey and Russia positively impacts economic relations and that Turkish firms need to resume the suspended projects in Libya for better development.

On Saturday, Dbeibah and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan met in Istanbul and discussed the latest developments.

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Economy

Al-Waha production drops to 70-60 thousand bpd due to oil leakage



An oil leak in a pipeline linking Jalu and Al-Waha fields has forced the National Oil Corporation (NOC) to reduce production from this area, said a statement by the NOC today.

The leaking occurred Monday at the (30- inch) line, some 28,300 km from the Jalu field towards Al-Waha.

Production will go down to 70-60 thousand barrels to allow the teams to monitor the situation and repair the damaged pipe.

The NOC indicated that it had reached out to the ministries of oil and gas and finance to provide the necessary budgets for the corporation and its companies and avoid actions that may disrupt the flow and continuation of production operations.

Economy

Erdogan lifts restrictions on letters of guarantee for Libyan institutions



The Turkish President has ordered the lifting of restrictions previously imposed by his government on letters of guarantee issued by Turkish banks in favour of Libyan institutions, says Adel Juma'a, the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs in the Government of National Unity (GNU).

Juma'a said in statements released by "Our Government" platform Monday that Dbeibah agreed with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to hold the second meeting of the Libyan-Turkish Strategic Cooperation Council next October in Tripoli, with the participation of the Turkish President.

Dbeibah conducted during his stay in Turkey a visit to the war wounded and several Libyan patients to check on their health and the services provided to them, according to Minister Juma'a.

Economy

Economy Minister reviews return of US companies to Libya



The Libyan Minister of Economy and Trade, Mohammed Al-Huweij, discussed with the Head of the US Chamber of Commerce the possibility of returning American firms to Libya to resume their halted projects.

The meeting online was held on Monday in the presence of Libyan Investment Encouragement Authority, Jamal Al-Nuwaisri, and reviewed boosting corporation with the US in trade and investments.

Al-Huweij said the Ministry of Economy is working to activate projects to turn into digital economy and exchange expertise, particularly in oil and gas industry as well as alternative energies.

Al-Nuwaisri reiterated the importance of a real partnership between local and foreign investors, saying the Libyan investment laws had given incentives and assurances to investors, including no taxes and customs tariffs for five years.

Economy

GNU considers developing national economic institutions



The Government of National Unity (GNU) is considering developing the three major economic institutions, the National Oil Corporation (NOC), the Libyan Investment Authority (LIA), and the Nafusah Oil Operations Company, as per the GNU Facebook page.

Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, who received at his office Tuesday heads of the LIA, NOC, and a senior official from Nafusah Oil Operations, stressed the need for continued cooperation between the oil and investment institutions.

At the meeting, the PM discussed with the companies' representatives the possibility of establishing joint projects to contribute to increasing oil production and exploration activities.

Opinions

Will Russian forces really leave Libya?

By Mark N. Katz



At the second Berlin Conference on Libya, which took place on June 23, Russia (as well as other participants) reaffirmed their earlier calls for “credible steps towards the dismantling of armed groups and militias by all parties.”

One of the “armed groups and militias” present in Libya is the Russian private military force, Wagner.

Does this mean that Moscow really intends to withdraw Wagner from eastern Libya?

It is possible that this will happen. But it seems more likely that Moscow will retain a military presence in Libya in one form or another.

Before analyzing why, a brief review of the situation is needed.

Following the downfall of Qaddafi in 2011 and the fracturing of Libya among rival factions, the main division in Libya evolved into one between the Government of National Accord (GNA) based in western Libya and its opponents led by Khalifa Haftar, who styles himself as “Field Marshal.”

Haftar has received support from both neighboring Egypt and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) (among others) while the GNA has received support from Turkey and Qatar. Russia’s Wagner forces (which it is believed the UAE is paying for) are in eastern Libya supporting Haftar, but Russia also recognized the GNA as Libya’s government and maintained good working relations with it.

As part of the Libyan conflict resolution process, a Government of National Unity (GNU) was created, ostensibly uniting the GNA in the west and the Haftar-backed House of Representatives based in the east, which had previously broke with the GNA.

“Suitable personnel” from Libyan militias slated to disband are to be integrated “into civilian, security and military state institutions, on an individual basis” per the Berlin Conference agreement.

But it is not at all clear that Haftar will submit to the official western-based Libyan army or that they would welcome him and his forces.

Russia has supported the United Nations-sponsored Libyan conflict resolution process. It is in this context that Moscow has agreed to the dismantling of armed groups and militias in Libya.

Turkey, though, has already made clear that it does not intend to withdraw its own armed forces from western Libya since they were invited to be there by the internationally recognized (including by Russia) GNA. And, if Turkish forces remain in western Libya, it seems doubtful that Moscow will withdraw Wagner forces from eastern Libya.

But can Moscow maintain a military presence in Libya when it has agreed that armed groups and militias in Libya should be dismantled?

Yes, it can.

To begin with, it should be noted that, though Putin has announced some form of Russian withdrawal from Syria on occasions, this has not occurred.

Thus, Russia’s agreement that armed groups and militias in Libya should be dismantled may not reflect an actual Russian intention to withdraw Wagner forces from Libya.

In addition, Putin himself has declared that Wagner is not related to the Russian government and that the Russian government is not paying for it.

This being the case, Moscow can argue that it has no responsibility to act to dismantle the Wagner presence in Libya. And, so long as Haftar wants Wagner to stay, it is doubtful that the GNU can force it to leave, even with Turkish support.

Putin, of course, can continue to claim that Moscow has no connection to Wagner despite strong evidence to the contrary.

Further, it is also possible that Russia can persuade the GNU to officially invite a Russian military presence into Libya similar to the GNA agreement with Turkey.

The GNU might be willing to do this since this would give it extra protection against Haftar—or so it might hope.

Moscow might then be willing to see Wagner leave Libya if the GNU officially invited Russian armed forces to have one or more bases. Or Russia could send its official armed forces to Libya under a GNU invitation while keeping Wagner forces there to help Haftar. This may seem implausible to some, but Putin’s approach to conflict between opposing parties elsewhere in the region has been to back them both (to some extent) to have leverage over them all.

Even in Syria, where Moscow strongly backs the Assad regime, Russia has sought to balance between two sets of antagonists: Iran and Israel and Turkey and the Syrian Kurds.

In Yemen, Moscow has good relations with the Iranian-backed Houthis, the Saudi-backed Hadi government, and the UAE-backed southern separatists.

And, in Afghanistan, Moscow maintains good relations with both the Kabul government and with the Taliban. So, it would not be unusual for Moscow to support opposing sides in Libya.

The Libyan conflict resolution process could break down altogether, in which case neither the Russians nor any other outside party now supporting one side or the other in Libya is likely to end its involvement there.

Indeed, this outcome seems more likely than not.

However, even if the process does proceed, it seems far likelier that Russia will maintain some form of military presence in Libya as opposed to ending it—no matter what Moscow may have agreed to.

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Health

Health minister seeks WHO assistance to improve isolation centres

Minister of Health, Ali Al-Zanati, met on Tuesday with the representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Libya, Elizabeth Hoff to discuss cooperation in finding solutions to problems facing health facilities holding Cov-19 patients.

Al-Zanati briefed the WHO official on his ministry's strategy in facing the pandemic and identified priorities and needs on the ground.

For her part, Hoff expressed the organization's readiness to help health authorities in Libya in their battle against the coronavirus and vowed to provide pharmaceuticals and medical requisites.

The meeting concluded with an agreement to set up three oxygen plants in coordination with the Italian side and to develop a strategy for improving the health system, with a focus on child health and mental illness.



Libya receives third oxygen shipment from Egypt

The Ministry of Health of the Government of National Unity has received the third shipment of oxygen, which estimated at 100,000 liters and supplied from Egypt to the western region of Libya.

The shipment comes on the backdrop of the agreement signed between the Libyan and Egyptian Ministries of Health, regarding providing the Libyan side with supplies of medical oxygen, in response to the emergency situation of the Coronavirus pandemic in the country, according to the Libyan Health Ministry.



Health

Ministry of Health expands vaccination campaign against Coronavirus in Tripoli and Benghazi

The Ministry of Health has announced the expansion of the national campaign program for vaccination against the Coronavirus, in the cities of Tripoli and Benghazi, followed by other cities during the coming period.

The Ministry added that 60 vaccination stations are being equipped in the Sports City in Tripoli, with the latest approved international specifications and electronic technology, taking into account all precautionary measures against the spread of the Coronavirus.

It also pointed out that the vaccine currently approved in these stations is the Chinese vaccine (Sinopharma).

Health

Slight improvement in Libya's epidemiological situation, NCDC says



The National Center for Disease Control in Libya (NCDC) said the US National Center for Disease Control had replaced Libya in the fourth level on the scale of Coronavirus alerts of travel, thus placing Libya in the same level with Tunisia.

The Libyan NCDC said the Libyan epidemiological situation is still in a "society spread level" despite the slight improvement and the decrease to "0.87" this week, which could alleviate some of the precautionary measures if the same situation continued for two respective weeks.

The NCDC said there are insufficient accommodations at the quarantine centers with unstudied measures being taken, which could spin the situation out of control, reiterating the need for consulting with the health and scientific committees before any further steps.

Libya registered 31 new deaths and 2001 infections out of 7809 new test samples

as well as 1103 recoveries, thus increasing the total number of cases to 269,000: 200,000 of whom recovered and 3750 died.

Health

Covidvax: 70% will be fully vaccinated in Libya by Aug.12 2022



The global Covidvax website for tracking Covid-19 vaccinations expected Libya to get 70% of its population vaccinated with two doses by the midst of August 2022.

According to the Covidvax.live data, the vaccine doses currently at rate are about 11 doses per 100 people, which means an average of more than 23 thousand doses per day.

The report shows that as of August 6, more than 755,000 people in Libya have received their jab. That is 11% of the total population of 6.87 million people.

Last Wednesday, the Director of the Vaccination Department at the National Center for Disease Control, Abdulbasit Samio, confirmed that more than 713,000 doses were injected nationally, noting that centres are open to all, even those who have not registered for vaccination yet.

Local

GECOL announces resumption of work on Al-Fajeej-Ubari transmission line



The General Electricity Company of Libya (GECOL) has concluded a settlement agreement with the owners of the properties located in the path of the electric transmission line linking the towns of Ubari and Al-Fajeej.

The agreement came after a field visit of the Company Board of Directors, accompanied by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity, Ramadan Abu Janah, to the city of Ubari.

During the visit, a memorandum of agreement was signed with the objecting residents to give permission to start work urgently.

It is noteworthy that some of the residents of the city of Ubari objected to the progress of the construction of high-voltage towers on their lands, demanding compensation, which disrupted the connection of the Ubari station to the public electricity network.

Local

GECOL announces theft of 3,690 meters of electricity wires in separate areas



The General Electricity Company of Libya (GECOL) announced on Friday, the theft of 3,690 meters of high-voltage electricity wires in separate areas.

GECOL explained that 2,690 meters of electricity wires were stolen from the old Janzour line of the Karimiya Distribution Department, in addition to the theft of another 1,000 meters from separate locations belonging to the Tripoli Distribution Department.

The theft caused a power outage on 20 transformers, and a number of homes, according to the company.



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Libyan Coast Guard rescues 96 migrants in the Mediterranean

In their latest rescue operation, Libya's Coast Guard picked up on Thursday around 96 illegal immigrants who packed themselves on board a small rubber boat hoping to reach Europe.

After receiving a distress call, the coast guards sent a vessel to the spot and pulled the stranded migrants from their overcrowded boat, said the Chief of Staff of the Libyan Naval Forces spokesman Friday.




Those rescued came from African countries, according to the same source, who confirmed that they were safely disembarked at the Tripoli Naval Base.

The migrants were handed over to the Anti-Illegal Migration Agency to undergo the required procedures for their deporta-

weather

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Tripoli Weather Forecast

Fri 13	35°/25°		Sunny	12%	☁ ENE 22
Sat 14	34°/24°		Sunny	8%	☁ ENE 24
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Mon 16	35°/25°		Sunny	5%	☁ NE 18 ki
Tue 17	36°/26°		Sunny	1%	☁ NE 18 ki
Wed 18	35°/25°		Sunny	1%	☁ NE 20 ki
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Cartoon

Illegal Immigration



Photo of the Week



Features

The Town of Tokra



It is a town on the coast of the Al-Marj District in the Cyrenaica region of northeastern Libya. Today it is a coastal town 25 kilometres west of Al-Marj. It is about 70 km away from the city of Benghazi.

It was founded by the Greeks and considered by some to be part of the Pentapolis of Cyrenaica, at a later period it became a Roman colony and was fortified by Justinian I. (Procop. de Aed. vi. 3.)

It has a museum and a collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. Some consider it part of the five Libyan cities that were established in eastern Libya, and archaeological excavations began in the sixties of the twentieth century.

Among the most prominent monuments of the old town are the quarries and the tombs, towers and walls of the city, the Dikumanos Street, the Byzantine baths and the Byzantine-Islamic fortress, in addition to the Tocra Museum located inside the Turkish-Italian castle.

Origin of the Name

Under the Ptolemies it obtained the name of Arsinoe (Arsinoë) (Greek: Ἀρσινόη), after Arsinoe II of Egypt, named by her brother and husband, Ptolemy Philadelphus. Later it became known as Tocra or Tukrah or Tokra, and then Al-Agouriya in Arabic.

Al-Agouriya is the name given to it by the deposed dictator Muammar Gaddafi, in reference to the Agouri tribe. The town's largest tribe is the Barghathi tribe, who claim the town their own. There are tribal rivalries with the Abdali tribe. Both the Barghathi and Abdali tribes belong to the Agouri tribe. After the 17 Feb revolution, inhabitants of the town went back to the old name, Tokra.

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