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### Libya's HoR withdraws confidence in unity government -

The Libyan House of Representatives (HoR) withdrew Tuesday confidence in the Government of National Unity headed by Abdul-Hamid Dbeibah after a closed voting session, according to a number

The spokesman for the HoR, Abdullah Blehig, said the withdrawal vote was passed by majority of 89 members out of 113 attending

Meanwhile, a good number of members rejected the decision of the HoR, as some described it "forgery" and accrued the HoR Presidency of hindering the holding of elections.

A petition signed by 38 members of the HoR rejected also the decision to withdraw confidence in the unity government, while other members said they had been tricked after Monday session was suspended to form committees to hold the government accountable for its performance, adding that they were surprised to see voting taking place on Tuesday to withdraw confidence in the government.

Other members said the withdrawal of confidence is invalid because the law says such a step needs three combined conditions: request made by 50 HoR members, consensus on withdrawal of confidence between the HoR and High Council of State, and a vote in favor of the withdrawal by 120 members, all of which didn't happen in Tuesday session.



### High Council of State approves constitutional basis for Libya elections

The Libyan High Council of State (HCS) approved a constitutional basis for legislative and executive authorities' elections. The basis was prepared by Elections Law Committee of the HCS and it contained 63 articles.

The basis says the legislative authority should be under an Umma Council: House of Representatives and Senate. The members should Libyan Muslims and have no foreign citizenship and be no younger than 40 years old on the day of candidacy.

The membership of the House of Representatives will be four years starting from the first session. 90 days before the end of term, election of new members should start. No extended terms are allowed.

Regarding executive authority, the basis said the head of state and prime minister should be in charge. The president must be a Libyan Muslim of Muslim parents and have no foreign citizenship. The president mustn't be married to a non-Libyan citizen or have criminal priors.

One of the most important articles is the fact that no military officers - even if they resigned less than two years ago - are allowed to run for president. This is expected to bring about controversy between the HCS and House of Representatives as the article won't allow Haftar to run. The House of Representatives unilaterally approved presidential elections law and didn't ask the HCS for consultation in violation of the

political agreement. The law was widely rejected by Libyan political parties, including MPs who accused House of Representatives Speaker Agila Saleh of passing the law on his own for the sake of certain persons, including himself.



The Head of the Libyan-American Alliance, Esam Omeish, said Khalifa Haftar's lawyers had informed the alliance that Haftar rejected attending the court session slated for September 22 or any other upcoming sessions.

Omeish said on Facebook on Saturday that default judgment against Haftar can be a choice for the victims' families in addition to demanding compensation.

Omeish reported the attorneys of the victims' families that Haftar would lose the case at court if he didn't attend the session and that they would request the judge rule to oblige Haftar to attend.

Meanwhile, the Head of the Democracy and Human Rights Foundation, Emadeddin Muntasser, said the victims families' lawyers would inform the court of Haftar's refusal to attend the session and request a default judgment, adding that the judge had told Haftar's attorney that if his client tried to hinder the court proceedings or failed to attend, she would rule against.



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UN to inspect aircraft suspected of carrying weapons to Haftar in Libya

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UN experts are coming to Cyprus to inspect a possibly-modified plane believed to have been used to violate arms embargo on Libya, but Cypriot air traffic control say they have no records of the aircraft landing on the island, according to Philenews.

The Cypriot newspaper said experts from the UN are scheduled to arrive in Cyprus in November to open a sealed hangar at Paphos International Airport and inspect a mystery aircraft thought to be a T-Bird.

It added that the plane, which was registered with Serbian authorities as a non-commercial aircraft, traveled to Jordan in June 2019.

"Despite having filed a flight plan to Libya, reports said Annan ordered parts to be removed and the plane ended up flying to Larnaca on or around July 22." Philenews said.



The Libyan High Council of State (HCS) has rejected the withdrawal of confidence in the Government of National Unity by the House of Representatives (HoR) as the its spokesman Mohammed bin Nasser said such a decision by the HoR is invalid and violates the constitutional declaration and political agreement.

The spokesman for the HoR, Abdullah Blehiq, said the HoR withdrawal vote was passed by majority of 89 members out of 113 attending Tuesday session.

A number of politicians also rejected the withdrawal, including members of the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum such as Abdelrahman Al-Sweihli, who said the HoR members' withdrawal of confidence in the government was "jumping in the air" and a violation of the political agreement.

"It's a cheap attempt to settle political scores by the list of (Aqila Saleh and Fathi Bashagha) which lost to (Menfi and Dbeibah) list in the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum's (LPDF) elections in Geneva last February. They want to plunge Libya into chaos and instability and impede the holding of December elections." Al-Sweihli said.

Another member, Abdelrazzak Al-Erradi, said the HoR move aimed to hinder the holding of elections, saying the decision is a violation of the constitutional declaration, political agreement and the LPDF.



The US State Department has reaffirmed its support for the Libya Stability Initiative launched by the Government of National Unity (GNU) last June, and the international conference aimed at discussing this

initiative on October 21.

Officials from the US State Department, including US Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland, Assistant Undersecretary for Near Eastern Affairs Bill Lambert, and Senior Adviser in the Ministry Dina Shahrukh reiterated Washington's support for the initiative during a meeting with Foreign Minister Najla Al-Manqoush at the HQ of Libya's mission in New York.

They discussed the latest developments in the Libyan political arena, bilateral relations, and ways to develop prospects for cooperation between the two countries.

The US side stressed to Minister Al-Manqoush the importance of holding parliamentary and presidential elections on December 24 per the Berlin Conference outcomes.



Minister of Industry and Minerals Ahmed Abu Heisa has received officials from Chinese companies to explore opportunities for cooperation in the field of mining and the cement industry.

Heisa expressed willingness to strengthen investment cooperation with China in all fields, with an emphasis on underperforming projects and industrial zones.

For their part, the Chinese officials said that they are looking forward to investing in Libya and are studying plans to establish cement factories in several regions in Libya.

The parties agreed to the need to cooperate with the National Mining Corporation to identify investment priorities.





#### NOC opens service branch in London

The National Oil Corporation (NOC) officially announced Monday the opening of the Murzuq Oil Services Limited (MOSL), in London, in the presence of the Chargé d'Affairs of the Libyan Embassy in the UK and management board of the (NOC).

According to the oil state-run corporation, the MOSL will act as the overseas arm of the NOC to help national oil companies improve their business processes and corporate performance.

"MOSL's services include Consultancy Services, Market Research & Studies and Business Services, Strategic Planning, Business Development, Engineering, and Technical Staff and Support Services," the NOC explains.

It expressed hope that the step will add value for Libya's oil sector by collaborating with leading UK companies to deliver projects across Libya and ultimately globally.

"This London location provides MOSL with a hub for the talent in the UK of engineering and consulting companies and the excellent technologies which will support NOC and MOSL," the NOC added.

The NOC indicated that the new service company would also help implement its growth plan to expand its oil production to more than 2m barrels per day by providing training and development for their personnel.

On the sidelines of the opening ceremony, the NOC Head Mustafa Sanallah discussed with Lord Grimstone, British Minister for Investment at the Department for International Trade and the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Libya's plans for developing its onshore and offshore oil and gas facilities, besides plans for shifting to renewable energies to meet carbon reduction targets.



# CBL Governor, PM Dbeibah discuss situation of banks in the country

The Governor of the Central Bank of Libya (CBL), Sadiq Al-Kabir, held on Monday a meeting with the Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity, Abdul Hamid Dbeibah to follow up on the situation of banks in the country.

The meeting was attended by the Ministers of Finance and State for Cabinet Affairs, the Governor's Advisor, and the Director of the Research and Statistics Department at the CBL.

During the meeting, they discussed the distribution of cash liquidity in commercial banks operating in various regions of the country, in addition to many issues of common interest.



The Libyan National Oil Corporation (NOC) welcomed Monday the decision of the Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity, Abdul-Hamid Dbeibah, to withdraw the decision of the Minister of Oil and Gas to suspend the Chairman of the NOC from work, and consider all decisions, correspondence and measures taken in this regard to have no legal effect.

NOC said this decision came within the framework of the strenuous efforts made by the Prime Minister to address some of the disputes that have emerged recently between the newly created Ministry of Oil and Gas and the National Oil Corporation, leading to confusion at workplace and gave an opportunity for some prowlers in the sector to try to destabilize and undermine production, which may negatively reflect on the recovery of the national economy.

"In this regard, the National Oil Corporation affirms its full commitment to all the instructions of the Prime Minister in particular, and its adherence to professional work in accordance with its competencies authorized by law. NOC also confirms that it is ready to turn the page of the past, work together with the Ministry of Oil for the public interest, and achieve the requirements of the stage, each according to its competencies." It said.

Dbeibah issued an order Sunday that annulled the decision of the Minister of Oil to suspend Sanallah.

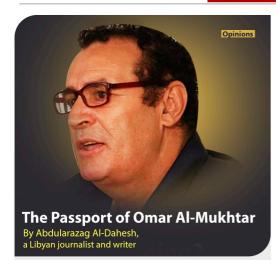


Libya needs \$200 billion for reconstruction projects, says Minister of Economy Mohammed al-Hawij, indicating that this figure comes according to studies carried out by the World Bank and local institutions.

In an interview with the Al-Hurra TV, al-Hawij revealed that Libya has tended to hold meetings with entrepreneurs from several countries, including Egypt, Italy, Turkey, Tunisia, Algeria, and France, noting that old contracts signed with these countries would be a priority.

He pointed to a partnership with the United States in the oil and gas sector, as Libya aims to boost its crude production to three million barrels per day in the coming years.

Al-Hawij said that his government is working to lay a foundation for the coming authorities, without focusing on the fact that it is an interim government that will leave office by the end of this year after conducting the elections scheduled for December 24.



It was Italy's dream to put power in the right of Omar Al-Mukhtar, and put money in his left, in exchange for throwing his gun in the first cave of Wadi El-Kuf, and do what Rome admires, but what Italy searched for, even in the seventh heaven, it did not find it on Libyan land.

Many were interested in living even at the expense of the homeland, but what was important to Omar Al-Mukhtar is to live the homeland even at his expense, this exceptional man did not choose to be a ruler, did not choose to be an owner, and did not choose to receive a decent pension from the treasury of Italy.

That is why they all went, burned, and melted in the warehouse of the past, and Omar Al-Mukhtar remained, a tattoo on an unforgettable memory.

Whose memory recalls today is the name of the Italian soldier who put iron in the hands of Omar Al-Mukhtar, or the features of the judge who issued the death sentence? They all died thousands of deaths, and they all fell thousands of falls, and Omar Mukhtar remained alive.

He did not hold an Italian passport, nor an American, all people's hearts are his nationality, he is the permanent ambassador of a national conscience who gave him the life of his accreditation with a gallows.

They imagined that they were prosecuting him, but they did not know that he was the one who was prosecuting them, and they imagined that they were killing him, and they did not know that he was the one who was killing them.

A man who cherished his country so much, to the point of death, that the country cherished him so much, to the point of life

How many dead are alive, and how many alive are dead?

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Health

## Permission granted for AstraZeneca to be administered as second dose of Sputnik V vaccine

The Director of the Vaccination Department at the National Center for Disease Control (NCDC), Abdel Basset Asmio, confirmed that the Supreme Advisory Committee had approved the provision of the AstraZeneca vaccine as the second dose administered to those who had the Sputnik V first dose, following its late arrival.

Asmio added in a press statement that the available quantity suffices, following the arrival of 117,000 doses of AstraZeneca, noting that they are awaiting an estimated quantity of 140,000 doses due to arrive this week.

He explained that there is still a quantity available from the initial shipment of the Sputnik vaccine, estimated at 900,000 doses, saying that the specified acceptable period between both doses is up to six months, however, it is preferable to receive the second dose after a two-month period since the first dose is administered.



Health

### Tunisia to set up vaccination center on its border with Libya

An official at the Tunisian Ministry of Health, Faisal Bensalah, stated that his ministry intends to establish a field vaccination center at the land border crossing with Libya.

He added that this center is intended for the vaccination of Tunisian travellers wishing to cross the border into Libyan territory.

The Tunisian News Agency quoted Bensalah as saying that Tunisia is also set to establish a vaccination center at its consulate in Libya to vaccinate any traveller wishing to enter Tunisia, to eliminate the obligation of those travelling to remain in the required quarantine areas.



# World Health Organization

Health

### WHO trains workers at isolation centres in the south

The World Health Organization, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health has organized a training workshop to raise the efficiency of the medical and non-medical staff in isolation and filtration centers at the Sabha Medical Center, on how to deal with Covid-19 cases.

According to a statement by the Sabha Medical Center, the workshop, which was supported by the US Agency for Development, targeted doctors and nursing staff from all isolation and filtration centers in the southern region.

Meanwhile, the isolation center at Sabha Medical Center hosted the practical part of the training, under the supervision of the center's human resources office.



Health

### 117,600 doses of Oxford AstraZeneca Coronavirus vaccine arrived in Libya

The Director of the Information Office at the Drug and Food Control Center, Mohamed Al-Zayat, reported the delivery of a shipment of the Oxford AstraZeneca anti-Coronavirus vaccine, estimated at approximately 117,600 doses.

Al-Zayat said in a press statement that the shipment, which arrived via Italy, was provided by the World Health Organization (WHO), within the framework of the COVAX initiative.

He explained that the inspectors of the Drug and Food Control Center inspected the shipment on Wednesday to ensure its temperature.



Local

### MMRA: Water supply ceased in certain areas due to infringements

The management of the Man-made River Authority (MMRA) announced the complete suspension of water supply in the areas between eastern Ajdabiya and Suluq, starting from Tuesday and lasting for a period ranging between seven to ten days, due to exposure of one of its valves to illegal encroachment.

The MMRA stated that the discharge valve at the station 150 and 40, located adjacent to the city of Zueitina, was exposed to the leakage of large amounts of water, due to the establishment of illegal and unprofessional connections by certain citizens without permission.

The authority further explained that the reason for cutting off the water supply is due to the extremely high pressure under which the station operates, making it impossible to carry out maintenance operations without stopping the water flow and that the process of emptying the channel of water will cause the waste of no less than 300,000 cubic meters.



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Travel

#### Flights between Libya and Malta resumed

The first flight from Malta to Libya touched down in Tripoli's Mitiga Airport on Monday to pave the way for resuming flights between the two countries after two years of suspension.

The Minister of Transportation, Mohammed Al-Shahubi, announced in a joint press conference with Maltese Minister of Economy, the resumption of flights, saying there will be four flights a week as per the agreement and MoU signed on the visit of Prime Minister Abdul-Hamid Dbeibah to Malta recently.

The Minister said the resumption of flights could help the economy grow and boost the Libyan transportation sector.

The Maltese Minister, on the other hand, hailed the resumption as a small step on the correct path and said Malta was ready to support Libya's government to upgrade its services to the Libyan people.



# Sudanese authorities confiscate a shipment of weapons smuggled from Libya

The Sudanese Rapid Support Forces (RSF) announced that they had foiled an attempt to smuggle a shipment of weapons and explosives and arrested four individuals, amongst them foreigners, from a gang involved in illegal arms trade with Libya.

The RSF explained that the operation took place at a location approximately three kilometers from an area on the Sudanese border "triangle" with Libya and Egypt, following reliable intelligence received.

As a result, the RSF clashed with the gang, arresting four of them and confiscating two vehicles carrying a quantity of weaponry and ammunition of various kinds, according to a statement released by the RSF on its official Facebook account.



# Libya's Al-Shaafin Reserve joins UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization "UNESCO" has included 20 new sites in 21 countries to its World Network of Biosphere Reserves that aim to reconcile economic development and nature conservation, including Libya's Al-Shaafin Reserve, located in Msallata town.

In a statement, UNESCO stated that Al-Shaafin is the first biosphere reserve in Libya, and its biogeographic mountainous region in the Mediterranean basin includes a variety of supporting habitats of dry forests and grassy steppes in the north and the very arid southern regions of the Sahara Desert.

It also indicated that this reserve is home to a variety of rare and endangered species, such as medicinal and aromatic plants, and animal species included in the Red List of Threatened Species issued by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

UNESCO selects annually a number of sites classified as new biosphere reserves with the aim of promoting sustainable development, protecting terrestrial, marine, and coastal ecosystems, and encouraging biodiversity conservation efforts. This is the first time that Libya joins the list of countries that embrace this type of reserve.



### LCW calls on Haftar, Al- Nadouri to reveal the fate of Al-Asbali and his sons

The Libyan Crimes Watch (LCW) has called on warlord Khalifa Haftar and his chief of staff, Abdul Razzaq Al- Nadouri, to reveal the fate of Muftah Al-Nif Al-Asbali and two of his sons after they were kidnapped by gunmen affiliated with them.

LCW explained in a post on its Facebook page that 10 days after the abduction of Al-Asbali and two of his sons from the city of Al-Marj by militias affiliated with Al-Nadouri, their fate is still unknown.

The organization also confirmed in its statement that no information was available about their whereabouts, renewing its demand for their immediate release.





weather

### **Tripoli Weather Forecast**

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Cartoon

Thu 30

# Libyan House of Representatives



Photo of the Week





It is located in the Nafusa Mountains, (Western Mountains), about 120 km away from Tripoli. It is located at 12.86 east longitude and 32.03 north latitude. It is famous for its agriculture and its fertile lands, as its altitude is 850 meters above sea level.

The area has heavy rains in winter, which made it a fertile land suitable for rainfed agriculture due to the remoteness of the groundwater, and this area is characterized by olive, almond, fig and peach trees, as olive is one of the most famous agricultural products in Al-Asabaa. The actual resident population in the 2010 census is approximately 27,600 people. It is one of the largest cities in the mountain after Gharyan.

#### History

On March 23, 1913, a battle took place on the land of the Al-Asaba area between the Libyan Mujahideen and the Italians. It was fierce and the Italians suffered heavy losses.

Its Tourist Attractions

Wadi Zarit Dam.

Natural water springs "Tagnet".

The southern forests.

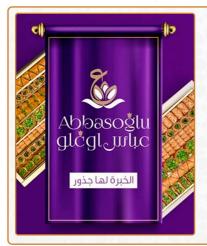
Historic Al-Asabaa Palace, which is more than 550 years old. It was built in the circular style. It is an old stone building. Despite its relative massiveness, the construction method is very primitive, and it was established for the purpose of preservation and storage. These buildings are often in a circular shape and consist of many rooms and basements. The benefit of the rooms is to preserve crops and grains such as wheat and barley and store them so that they can live on them as long as possible, while the basements were used to store and preserve olive oil.

#### Origin of the Name

(Al-Asabaa means fingers)

It is said that the chief of its main tribe had 6 fingers, so they were known by this name.

It is also said that it was known in the past as "Vinaza".



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