

Politics

## HCS proposes postponing Libya presidential election

The Libyan High Council of State (HCS) proposed an initiative to postpone presidential election to next February to be held at the same time with parliamentary election.

The HCS said Wednesday in a press conference that holding presidential elections should be based on a list system that includes a president, two vice presidents, and a prime minister, urging the government and High National Elections Commission to review the registration of voters as per civil registry records and to launch national reconciliation programs for elections to be held on time.

The second deputy head of the HCS Omar Bushah said the current election process could be delayed due to the issues facing the High National Elections Commission and the controversial names who announced their candidacy.

The spokesman of the House of Representatives Abdullah Blehiq said they had formed a committee to communicate with the High National Elections Commission to review the hindrances and issues the election process is facing.

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## Tripoli Appeals Court reinstates Haftar as presidential candidate

The Tripoli Appeals Court rejected the appeal approved by Al-Zawiya Court against Khalifa Haftar for lack of the court's legal area capacity in this matter, thus reinstating Haftar as a presidential elections' candidate.

Al-Zawiya Court ruled Haftar out of the presidential elections' preliminary list on November 30 by accepting the appeal against him and the High National Elections Commission (HNEC).

The Court in Al-Zawiya considered that the decision of the Supreme Judicial Council to amend appeals laws to make motions against candidates in the areas where they registered their candidacies as (a decision that doesn't nullify the law). However, the Tripoli Appeals Court rejected Monday the ruling of Al-Zawiya Court.

The decision of the Supreme Judicial Council to allow appeals only in the area of candidates was criticized because motions wouldn't be easy to lodge in courts where certain candidates, like Haftar in Benghazi, registered.

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## Military leaders from Misrata say 'won't accept Haftar and Gaddafi in presidential race'

A cluster of military leaders from Misrata has said they would not accept the participation of Khalifa Haftar and Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi in

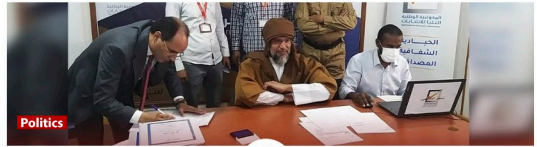
the Libyan presidential elections.

"The flawed electoral laws opened the way for those seeking to militarize the state and impose the individual rule," the leaders said in a televised statement, warning that the country will enter an endless cycle of violence if the "criminals" take overpower.

They reiterated their rejection to see Haftar or Saif in any position in the state. "We refuse to communicate with Haftar, his sons, and Saif Gaddafi. We are the striking force on the ground."

They also denounced the decision to hold presidential elections before the referendum on the constitution and condemned the electoral commission's work, saying that it lacked impartiality.

The statement called for the election of a parliament that would complete the constitution and demanded the UN mission not to interfere in the Libyan affairs, hinting that the solution could not be dictated or imposed from the outside.



## Sabha court rejects HNEC appeal, rules Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi is eligible candidate

Sabha Court of Appeals ruled Sunday against the appeal of the High National Elections Commission (HNEC) of the motion of appeal by Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi that said he could be listed as presidential candidate contrary to the HNEC disqualification decision.

The ruling on Sunday is final and thus the HNEC is obliged to announce Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi as a candidate for presidential elections on its final list.

Saif Al-Islam's comeback to the presidential race came after a ruling by Sabha court on Thursday.



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Earlier on Sunday, the Head of the HNEC, Emad Al-Sayeh, said the HNEC appealed all the motions against it without exception and the rumors about the HNEC appealing certain persons only was meant to mislead the public to win the votes of the people in a misleading electoral campaign." Al-Sayeh added, denying the news that said the HNEC was only going to appeal Saif Al-Islam's motion.

Cairo and since then, Haftar and Egypt haven't been in contact. "Egypt interfered with other stakeholders to bring back Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi to the presidential race in Libya. Gaddafi Al-Dam was crucial in this process and even threatened to resort to violence and arms if Saif was disqualified from elections." The sources said, adding that Saif Al-Islam promised Egypt "a part of the cake of Libya reconstruction projects and exported oil".

The website reported Egyptian sources as saying that the US wants elections to go through in Libya on the condition that neither Haftar nor Gaddafi are involved, saying Washington's reaction cannot be predicted if either one of them wins.

"If Gaddafi wins, Russia would prove its point that it saw this coming when it said NATO destroyed Libya." The sources added, while a diplomatic source from Egypt told the website that Cairo's support for Gaddafi would strike dispute with the US which has a "veto" against Gaddafi's presidential run, even more than its rejection to that of Haftar's.

"Cairo isn't directly supporting Gaddafi but will be taking up the fait accompli position if he wins elections. This is something the US is used to. The US will probably deal with Saif with reservations and indirectly if he becomes Libya president". The source said.

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### Fatwa House: Elections with flawed laws will lead to new round of conflict



The Fatwa House has warned that going to the elections with flawed laws would only lead to more division and conflict.

In a statement Saturday, The Sharia Research and Studies Council of the Fatwa House said that accepting elections based on flawed laws, which one of the parties to the conflict singled out, without implementing the principle of (Shura) previously agreed upon between the warring parties will stir up strife and hostilities.

"The consequences of these laws (the elections laws) that allowed people convicted of murder and sentenced to death to run for office is a breach of trust that God has ordained."

The Council stressed that holding the "so-called elections" before the referendum on the constitution puts the fate of the country and its people at risk and a way to empower the oppressors to rule the Muslims, which is forbidden by Sharia, according to the text.

"The outcomes of any elections can not be correct with the existence of fraud in the national identification numbers, and it has been proven beyond any doubt that voter cards have been tampered with or bought and sold."

In conclusion, The Council called on all Libyans to safeguard the elections against forgery by all legitimate means and not allow them to proceed with the existing laws.

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### Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi visited Egypt, met Al-Sisi before announcing presidential bid



Al-Araby Al-Jadeed news website reported what it described as "informed Libyan sources aware of communication between Egypt and Libyan parties" as saying that Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi visited Egypt on November 14 before announcing his candidacy for presidential elections, adding that Gaddafi had met with President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi and Egyptian Chief of Intelligence Abbas Kamel.

The sources said the visit was organized by former Libyan-Egyptian coordinator Ahmed Gaddafi Al-Dam, saying the meeting was expressive of which candidate Cairo would support in Libya elections on December 24, and that it was very vital in putting Gaddafi back on the list of candidates after being disqualified by the High National Elections Commission.

They also indicated that Cairo's relations with Libya hit a dead-end and this was a reason why Egypt would cheer for Muammar Gaddafi's son. They indicated that Egypt was upset by Haftar's attempt to agree with the UAE on certain issues without prior consulting with



Economy

### US, Greek companies to build Susah port in Libya worth \$1.5 billion

US-based Guidry Group has signed with Greek port construction company Archirodon Construction a Master Agreement for the design and construction of the \$1.5 billion Susah Secure Port in Libya.

The group said on its website that the Susah Secure Port, conceived as a multi-use port, will be the deepest water port in Libya;

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infrastructure investment by a US company in Libya's history.

The group added that the Susah Secure Port project is critical to the rebuilding of Libya and was recently endorsed by the Libyan Government of National Unity.

"It will provide a secure means of trade for international companies and governments and become a centre for economic development for Libya. The US private sector is very welcome in Libya. There is an expectation for greater US involvement in the development of Libya with the Susah Secure Port being the a first step in the right direction." The group said.

"In eastern Libya lies the major Port of Susah, located at about 240 Km east of Benghazi. The seaport in Susah serves as the main artery and entry port for goods into Libya by sea. A natural self-dredging port with a sea depth of 18 meters, the proposed newly developed Port of Susah will enable ships to offload their containers of goods with ease. The \$1.5 billion port will be constructed in four-phases. The total development cost projection of the first phase of the project is approximately US\$200M. It will primarily focus on container handling, grain handling and other bulk cargoes, general cargo and as a logistics base. The Susah Secure Port is critical to enable the Libyan economy to restart." The group explained.

The Chairman of Ports and Maritime Transport Authority in Libya, Captain Hassan Gwile, said Libya has had a dream since 2007 and it is now witnessing it really happen.

"We have a plan to develop a port in Susah that will be unprecedented and to the highest level of modern technology and functionality. We welcome the involvement of the US private sector in Libya and it can and should play a unifying role. We have signed a concession agreement with The Guidry Group. Mr. Guidry is an investor from the USA who believes in the future of Libya and its people. The development of the Susah Port will mark a milestone, not only in the Libyan economy, but in Libyan history, culture and mentality." He added.

The CEO of Guidry Group, Michael Guidry, said: "Together with our strategic partner Archirodon Construction, we now also move to commence and complete negotiations with a leading international port operator that will be appointed to operate the Susah Secure Port Project."

While the CEO of Archirodon, Denis Karapiperis said: "This is a major announcement for our company but more importantly, we think, for Libya. The Susah Secure Port project will provide a focus for economic development in the country and we are proud to be playing our part, along with the Guidry Group. Our involvement in developing port infrastructure in Libya, North Africa and the Middle East is long established and today adds another chapter to that story."



### Fathi Al-Amin wins election of the General Federation of the Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

Libyan businessman, Fathi A-Amin, has won the elections to head the board of directors of the General Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, organized by the Ministry of

Economy and Trade on Tuesday in the capital, Tripoli.

Al-Amin won 26 votes out of 34 given to four contenders, with Mohamed Al-Raed, the former president of the Federation, receiving only two votes.

The government is expected to issue a decision to approve the results of the elections for the presidency of the General Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, in accordance with the recommendations of the Minister of Economy and Trade, Mohammed Al-Hawij, who directly supervised the elections.



### NOC must be distanced from political strife, Al-Nuwairi says

The Acting House Speaker, Fawzi Al-Nuwairi, has stressed the need to avert the National Oil Corporation (NOC) from all disputes that might hinder its chief mission of supporting the national economy.

Al-Nuwairi was commenting on the issue during a meeting with the head of the NOC, Mustafa Sanalla, in Tripoli to discuss the difficulties hindering the oil and gas sector.

The meeting reviewed the challenges that the Corporation and its companies face, most notably the scarcity of required financial budgets to ensure the continuation of the production process, and support the state's treasury, according to a statement by the NOC.

Sanalla said the oil industry is an essential pillar to the national economy, expressing his optimism that all "responsible authorities" would stand by the oil sector.

Economy

### German ambassador: Ready to provide technical support to CBL



The German Ambassador to Libya, Michael Ohnmacht, has said his country stands ready for assistance as he welcomed efforts to unify the Central Bank of Libya (CBL), the CBL confirmed in a statement on Facebook.

Ohnmacht made his remarks during a meeting Monday with the Governor of the CBL, Sedek El Kabeer, in Tunisia. He described the steps taken in this direction as serious and emphasized his country's readiness to provide technical support if the bank so desires.

Al-Sedek El Kabeer and his deputy, Ali Al-Hibri, had agreed, during a meeting earlier on Monday, to launch a process for unifying the Central Bank, according to the roadmap proposed by the international professional services company Deloitte.

Opinions

## Attacking Tripoli politically

Faraj Krekish, a Libyan writer

It is true that life would be difficult without hope, but not to the point of waiting for pregnancy after a hysterectomy. It is true that some suspicion is a sin, but that does not mean that you cannot differentiate between a sinful kiss and artificial respiration.

When Haftar decided to storm Tripoli and take control of it militarily, this was not a naïve and improvisational decision. Rather, it was an organized action in which regional countries, international intelligence, foreign and local forces inside the western cities of Tarhuna, Qasr Bin Ghashir, Sabratha, Surman and even Tripoli and Misrata participated!!

Haftar's forces have penetrated security, political, and intelligence institutions inside Tripoli, and they have also succeeded in numbing stupid politicians, considering they are wise, till his forces reach Gharyan, claiming that he does not intend to storm Tripoli, but rather it is a step to strengthen his cards in Ghadames negotiations!

And he almost would have had what he wanted without his foolish revolt, the manifested speech of the conquest and his clear statements such as the custom of triple divorce to rescind all the agreements he participated in, and the arrival of his forces in the south of Tripoli!

Shame on every decent political or psychological analyst inch by inch, and arm by arm, who was surprised by Haftar's attack on Tripoli and did not read all these introductions, statements, actions and words on trying to storm Tripoli politically!!

The High National Elections Commission does not even bother itself with a slight deception or intelligence to tell you, defiantly and insistently, that it is continuing to rig the elections, regardless of Abdul-Hamid Al-Kazah's statement or Mahmoud Abdul-Aziz's pictures, but the group of strengthening the negotiation papers in the Ghadames conference do not understand and do not care.

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Health

### Minister of Health reviews ways to improve health services in Jufra

The Minister of Health, Ali Al-Zanati, has discussed with officials and notables of the city of Jufra ways to improve health services provided to citizens in the region.

The two sides also discussed a number of issues, including the opening of a new health center, in addition to supporting medical services in all hospitals and health centers and meeting their needs.



Health

### Oncology patients on a sit-in for the lacking of oncology treatment in Sirte city

Oncology patients in the city of Sirte demanded the Ministry of Health to provide them with treatment by supporting the Sirte Cancer Center, which has been lacking supplies and medicines for more than a year.

The patients organized a sit-in on Monday, in front of the Sirte Cancer Center, saying that they suffer from the hardships of traveling to other cities in search of chemotherapy and hormonal treatments that are not available at the center, pointing out the need to meet their demands and find effective solutions to end their daily suffering.



**Health**

### NCDC: Covid-19 vaccination campaign targets age group 12-17

The Director of the Vaccinations Department at the National Center for Disease Control (NCDC), Abdulbasit Asmiou, said that the vaccination campaign for students targets the age group from 12 to 17 years old.

Asmiou explained in media statements that, during the next two days, they would start distributing the Pfizer vaccine for pregnant women, in addition to providing the third booster dose for adults aged 50 years and over, chronic disease and immunodeficiency patients, and medical and paramedical staff.

The NCDC official indicated that they registered an increase in the number of people turning out to get their Covid-19 shots after the emerge of the new variant Omicron in several countries, noting that the vaccinations rate ranges from 400 to 800 doses per day.



**Sport**

### Al-Ahly Tripoli qualifies for group stage of the CAF Confederation Cup

Al-Ahly Tripoli picked up Sunday an important win against Malian Stadium that placed it in the group stage of the African Confederation Cup.

The second league match of the 32nd round which was played on the Benina Martyrs Stadium ground in Benghazi had to be settled by penalty kicks.

Al-Ahly advanced 1-0 in the original time after center-back Mohamed Eshteivi scored a goal in the 65th minute, but the Malian Stadium had edged Al-Ahly 1-0 in the first leg.

With this result, the two teams resorted to penalty kicks. Eventually, Al-Ahly was able to find more success as they pulled out the victory with four shots. Their opponents scored only two goals, bringing Al-Ahly to the group stage, waiting for the postponed match of the other Libyan representative, Al-Ittihad, who lost today in Nigeria against its host Enyimba 2-0.

The African Union postponed the first leg supposed to be held last week in Tunisia. The postponement came due to the failure of the Enyimba mission to obtain permission to enter Tunisia due to the failure of its members to receive the second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

The postponed match is expected to take place next Sunday at the Benina Martyrs Stadium in Benghazi.



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**Migration**

### No migrants were rescued or returned to Libya for a week, IOM says

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has stated that "from November 28 to December 4, no migrants were rescued or intercepted at sea and returned to Libya".

The recorded number of returned migrants to Libya from the sea since the beginning of 2021 remains unchanged, 30,990 were returned, 506 deaths, and 807 missing.

The Libyan coast is witnessing a severe turbulence in the sea currents, along with strong winds and heavy rains that prevent sailing in small boats.



Crimes

## Remains of five human skeletons and decomposing bodies discovered south of Sabha

The spokesman for the Southern Branch of the Criminal Investigation Service (CIS), Captain Omar Ahweedy, reported that a citizen had received information regarding the existence of yet another mass grave, south of Sabha.

Ahweedy added in a press release, that the CIS, headed immediately to the area, which is located approximately 30 kilometers south of Sabha, where a grave containing five individual human skeletons and remains were discovered, all of whom were unearthed and placed in body bags to be processed according to due process.

He further confirmed that they had found the decomposing body of a sixth person in a separate location, however, it was removed to the Sabha Medical Center for examination, whilst the Public Prosecution was informed and the forensic pathologist, along with a specialized team from the CIS were assigned to follow up on all of the cases.



Travel

## First ferry between Libya and Turkey after 20-year halt

The first ferry trip between Libya and Turkey set sail from Misrata port heading to Azmir port after 20 years halt.

The Libyan Minister of Transportation, Mohammed Al-Shuhubi, launched the first voyage on Wednesday.

The Ministry said Al-Shuhubi ordered that the ticket prices be affordable for all Libyans to facilitate their travels to Turkey with the new sealine option.

Al-Shuhubi also said the government in Libya was taking measures in agreement with governments of Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco to launch new ferry lines soon.

Local

## Al-Lafi stresses the need to expedite completion of all electrical projects



The member of the Presidential Council, Abdullah Al-Lafi, has stressed the need to expedite the completion of all projects related to the electricity sector, to avoid prolonged power outages during the summer and winter peak periods, which burdened the citizens during the previous years.

This came during his meeting on Tuesday, with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Electricity Company of Libya (GECOL), Weam Al-Abdali.

Al-Lafi praised the efforts made by the GECOL, in order to improve the quality of electricity services in various cities and regions of Libya.

For his part, Al-Abdali reviewed the progress of work of the company, as well as the electrical and energy projects that are being implemented.



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Fri 10	18°/12°		Sunny	1%	WSW 24 km/h
Sat 11	19°/13°		Partly Cloudy/Wind	17%	W 38 km/h
Sun 12	16°/12°		Partly Cloudy	24%	NW 26 km/h
Mon 13	17°/11°		Partly Cloudy	24%	NW 18 km/h
Tue 14	17°/10°		Partly Cloudy	5%	W 14 km/h
Wed 15	18°/10°		Mostly Sunny	17%	SW 13 km/h
Thu 16	18°/11°		Partly Cloudy	21%	SW 11 km/h
Fri 17	18°/12°		Partly Cloudy	23%	WSW 13 km/h

## Photo of the Week





Features

## The Town of Al-Jawsh

It is located in western Libya under Nafusa mountain, about 200 km away from the Libyan capital, Tripoli.

It is bordered by Shakshuk to the east, Tiji to the west, and Al-Wattia to the north.

The town is divided into three regions, which are: Al-Jawsh Al-Saghira from the east, Ain Al-Zawiya in the middle, and Al-Jawsh Al-Kabir from the west.

### History

Al-Jawsh is a historical area with many archaeological buildings dating back hundreds of years, which was the residence of its people.

The people are considered one tribe consisting of about 5,000. Their origin comes from the "Arabs of Qawaid", who came from the Arabian Peninsula, where some of them went for jihad in the mountainous regions during the Italian occupation, and when each city was conquered, some of them remained there, until the traveler reached Al-Jawsh.

The people of the city of Al-Jawsh had a great role against Italian invasion, one of its most famous of the Mujahideen: the Mujahid Al-Mabrouk Ali Al-Jawshi, he participated in the first battles of the Italian invasion of Libya, and when the Italians tried to control the city of Al-Jawsh in 1917, Al-Mabrouk stood up to them with the sons of his town and were able to repel the aggression.

It has a palm oasis, which is known as the forest, and it has springs that were considered a main source for drinking and irrigation, which are (Ain Al-Zawiya), (Ain Hamad), (Ain Al-Ratm), (Ain Balaa), (Ain Hussein), (Ain Ali), (Ain Khanjali), (Ain Al-Atla), (Ain Al-Jadida), (Ain Al-Owainat), (Ain Al-Wadi) and others.

It also has an ancient cemetery, in which the honorable guardian, Sidi Mohammed Bin Salem, (Abu Shaybah and the Black Tongue), was buried.



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