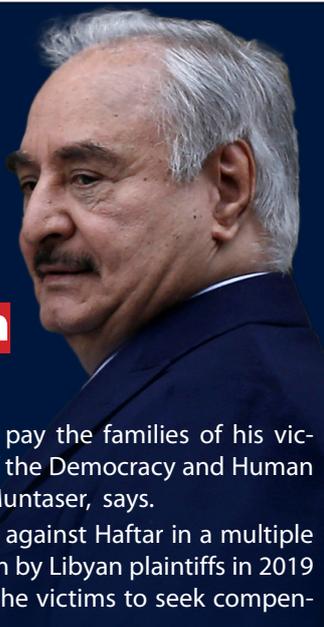


Politics

Al-Muntaser: Families of Haftar's victims could receive up to \$250 million



Warlord Khalif Haftar may have to pay the families of his victims up to \$150 million, the head of the Democracy and Human Rights Foundation, Emadadin Al-Muntaser, says.

On Friday, a Federal U.S court ruled against Haftar in a multiple war crimes case brought against him by Libyan plaintiffs in 2019 and 2020, allowing the families of the victims to seek compensation.

Al-Muntaser emphasized that the conviction verdict is far more valuable and important than the compensation, considering the magnitude of the loss these families suffered.

"The horror of the crimes, the intimidation of the victims, and the unceasingly killing and torture carried out over the past years without remorse or compunction" could prompt the jury to increase the compensation amount by tens of millions, Al-Muntaser said, indicating that the damage payment could amount to \$ 250 million.

However, he noted that these sums remain expectations until the court issues its final ruling on the compensation value.

Politics

In farewell statement, Williams urges a constitutional framework to break the political deadlock



The outgoing UN Special Adviser on Libya, Stephanie Williams, says that a consensual constitutional framework is the only way to overcome the political blockage in Libya as she highlighted her efforts in a farewell statement released on Sunday.

"I believe it is only with the establishment of a consensual constitutional framework which sets the milestones, the contract between the governed and those who govern them, and the guardrails for the end of the transitional period through national elections that the current political stalemate and recurrent executive crisis can be overcome."

Williams said she worked during the past eight months to reach out to the broadest possible spectrum of interlocutors and representatives of Libya's political, security, and social domains to listen and understand their concerns and their vision for ending the transi-

transitional period since 2011.

She praised the opening of oil fields and ports as she expressed concern over attempts "to politicize" the National Oil Corporation (NOC), stressing the need for the Corporation and all sovereign institutions to enjoy complete autonomy and independence from political maneuvering.

In this context, she underscored that "revenues must be transparently managed and the recommendations of the UN-facilitated audit of the Central Bank of Libya should be fully implemented, including the much-needed unification of the bank."

The UN official credited the Joint Military Committee 5 + 5 for maintaining the ceasefire agreement and its efforts to unify the military institutions and get the mercenaries and foreign forces out of Libya.

"I have listened to the testimonies of the many victims of human rights abuses, from Tarhouna to Tawergha, Benghazi to Murzug, Warshafana and Tripoli, and all points in between. Those who have committed grave abuses must be held accountable for their actions for the country to move forward," Williams said.

In conclusion, Williams urged Libyan leaders and institutions to commit seriously to protecting women's participation in public life, saying that there can be no meaningful participation without protection.

She noted that during her time as UN Rep. in Libya, she advocated for the inclusion of youth and women in Libya, including those who have been attacked, abused, illegally detained, disappeared, and perished for their political ideas.

Politics

GNU official refutes reports of secret talks with Haftar



Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs in the Government of National Unity, Adel Jumaa, has denied holding talks in Dubai to negotiate Khalifa Haftar's share in a future government.

Africa Intelligence website revealed in a report Saturday that Haftar's son traveled to Dubai to negotiate with Dbeibah's envoy for several key positions in a reshuffled government.

Jumaa underscored that there was no such meeting, neither with Emirati officials nor from Haftar's side.

According to the publisher, the three day-talks that took place between July 20 - 23 included an offer to enable Haftar to appoint the ministers of finance, planning, defense, and foreign affairs, in addition to the two deputy prime ministers.

The French website claimed that Dbeibah pledged to provide key ministerial positions to Haftar in exchange for maintaining his position at the head of the executive authority.

As the Africa Intelligence put it, Haftar would thus obtain much more power than he had previously gained within the parallel government headed by Fathi Bashagha.



Politics

Erdogan receives Saleh and Al-Lafi to discuss developments in Libya

Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, on Tuesday, received Speaker of the House of Representatives, Aqila Saleh, and member of the Presidential Council, Abdullah Al-Lafi, in the Turkish capital, Ankara.

Al-Lafi stated in a statement through his official Facebook account that the meeting, which also included the Speaker of the Turkish Parliament, Mustafa Şentop, dealt with the two countries' relations and political developments in Libya.

The views at the meeting converged on preserving the unity of the Libyan territory and to expedite the conduct of the electoral process, through the necessary and agreed-upon legislation through one strong government, he explained.

Al-Lafi also added that the meeting stressed the need to exclude a military solution, and to cease all escalations that hinder the building of a civil and democratic state, according to the statement.

Aqila Saleh's visit to Turkey is the first of its kind, since Khalifa Haftar's takeover of the eastern region, announcing the severing of relations with Turkey and the start of what they described as "jihad against the Turkish occupation".



Politics

Saleh: My visit to Ankara is very fruitful, to restore relations to highest level

Libyan Parliament Speaker Aqila Saleh has praised his meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan during his visit to Turkey, describing his meetings in Ankara as 'very fruitful'.

In an interview with the Turkish newspaper Yeni Şafak, Saleh said that they need Ankara's support to preserve Libya's territorial integrity, adding that he conveyed to Erdogan, during their meeting, 'a very clear' picture of the Libyan scene.

'He assured the Turkish president that preserving Libya's unity and territorial integrity is the most important thing, and that the Turkish president promised to make all necessary efforts for the stability and prosperity of Libya', Saleh told the newspaper.

Saleh stressed that he is working with the Turkish president to restore bilateral relations between the two countries to the highest level again, noting that Turkish companies play an important role in the reconstruction of the country.

Saleh pointed out that there are many Turkish companies in Libya and their contracts are still in progress, but most of them have not been able to complete their projects, recalling that the government must fulfill its duties with the Libyans, and that it must sit and talk with these companies and cooperate so that they can contribute to the reconstruction of Libya once again.

Referring to the continuation of talks with the Presidency of the High Council of State on the constitutional basis, Saleh said that when a final agreement is reached, it will be presented to the two councils, adding that after the formation of the electoral commission, all these actions will be put to a referendum and presented to the Libyan people.



Politics

Fuel explosion kills six in Sabha

Six people were killed and many others injured after a truck carrying gasoline exploded in Sabha, local sources have confirmed.

The fuel truck collided early Monday in the Bint Baya district on the road linking Sabha and Ubari.

Onlookers rushed to the over-turned tanker to collect the spilling fuel despite the risk, eyewitnesses said.

The truck burst into flames long after the accident, killing six people and burning more than 50 others, according to the Health Ministry.

Online images showed ferocious flames pouring from the blazing tanker, and the Sabha Medical Center said it received 30 cases from Ubari suffering burns from the incident on Monday morning.

Smuggling of oil products is contributing to fuel shortages in the southern region as illicit traders take advantage of the security vacuum that followed the 2011 uprising.

The illegal trade is carried out in several forms, from the wholesale redirection of tanker trucks intended for government-supplied fuel stations to individuals buying subsidized fuel and reselling it at market rates.



Politics

Authorities: Fuel explosion in Bint Baya caused by electrical pump

The Criminal Investigation Agency says that a vehicle battery used to generate electricity for pumping fuel out of a tank was the primary cause of the fuel explosion in Bint Baya on Monday.

A truck carrying gasoline exploded in Bint Baya Municipality south of Libya on Monday, killing eight people and wounding 70 others, according to the Health Ministry's update on Tuesday.

The explosion also set 11 cars on fire, according to the Ubari Criminal Investigation Office.

In its findings, the agency said the driver disconnected the truck from the tank at one o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday in anticipation of any emergency.

People began to throng around the tank by sunset to collect the spilling fuel and used a 70 amps car battery to operate the pump as an alternative to electricity in that semi-remote area, the report stated.

It confirmed that a spark from the battery triggered the fire that led to a massive explosion in the early hours of Monday.

The wounded were taken to a nearby hospital before being transformed to major hospitals for their critical condition and the lack of capacity in the local health facilities.

Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah tweeted that he ordered a crisis cell to closely pursue the incident and follow up on the wounded.

Economy



Second edition of Libya e-commerce exhibition kicks off

The Minister of Economy and Trade of the Government of National Unity, Mohamed Al-Hawij, inaugurated on Monday the second edition of Libya E-Commerce Exhibition, on the grounds of the Tripoli International Fair.

The exhibition is organized by Libya Logistics Company, with support of Libya Trade Network of the Ministry of Economy and Trade. Al-Hwajj stressed the importance of organizing such economic and commercial events represented by e-commerce services. He also praised the role of Libya Trade Network for its support of the exhibition, pointing to the need for the development of legal instruments and regulation of e-commerce legislation.

'This exhibition aims to support e-commerce and enhance communication between the competent government institutions and private sector organizations and companies to organize electronic stores and keep abreast of developments in the field of information technology and financial services' chairman of the organizing company explained.

For his part, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Libya Trade Network, Emhemed Darwish, stressed the interest of the Ministry of Economy and Trade in this sector, as e-commerce is a growing field, and witnessed the introduction of many electronic tools and transactions into the market, and the ongoing transformation in this direction, whether electronic payment, distribution, delivery services and others.

About 35 companies and institutions specialized in e-commerce, communications and financial services and relevant activities are taking part in this exhibition which will be open from 1st to 3rd of August, 2022.



Economy

NOC Chairman, Oil Minister discuss ways to increase oil production

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Oil Corporation (NOC), Farhat bin Qadara, and the Minister of Oil and Gas in the Government of National Unity, Mohammed Aoun, have discussed ways to increase oil production and issues of common concern.

The two officials also discussed encouraging companies to return to develop oil and gas discoveries, and to increase gas production to feed power stations, according to the Ministry medical office.

Aoun affirmed the Ministry's full support for the NOC, while Bin Qadara affirmed full cooperation with the Ministry for the benefit of the country.



Economy

Libyan oil production jumps to 1.2 million bpd

Oil and Gas Minister, Mohamed Aoun has said that Libyan crude oil production has returned to its levels of early April, an increase that may help calm the jittery global oil market. Aoun explained in an interview with the American Bloomberg News Agency, that oil production jumped to 1.2 million barrels per day. This level is a milestone after production fell by more than half since mid-April.

Bloomberg considered the increase in production would not only help bring in foreign currency into the country, but could also provide some relief to oil markets suffering from short supply and rising prices that have fueled inflation around the world.

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Economy

Dbeibah issues instructions for implementation of unified Salary scale

The Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity, Abdel Hamid Dbeibah, instructed ministries, institutions and authorities to coordinate with the Ministry of Finance to conduct financial matching in order to start implementing the unified salary scale.

This came in a letter addressed by the Minister of State for Head of Government Affairs and the Council of Ministers to the heads and directors of authorities, agencies, institutions, boards, and centers.

Dbeibah approved the unified salary scale on June 18, although it has not yet been approved by the House of Representatives. However, he assigned the Ministry of Finance to determine the financial impact of implementing the decision.

Economy



Oil Ministry: Halliburton activities in Libya are ongoing

The Ministry of Oil and Gas denied on Friday that the US Halliburton Corporation for oil field services is withdrawing and abandoning its activities in central and west of Libya. Several reports have been circulating online indicating that the tense security situation in the country compelled the world's second-largest oil field service company to leave. Halliburton did not confirm or refute such news, but Libya's oil ministry issued a statement assuring that "what was published in this regard is baseless and a distortion of reality."

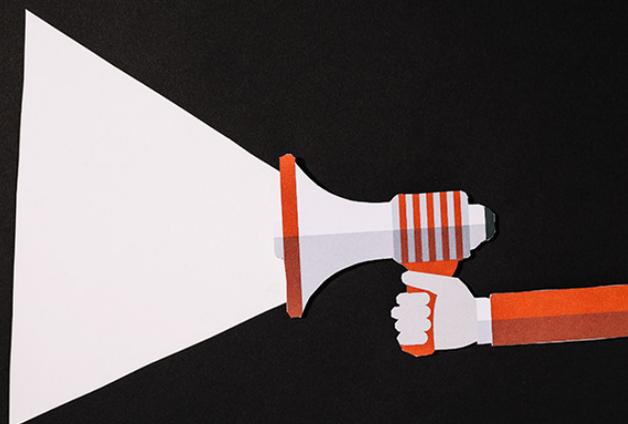
"Halliburton is continuing its normal work with the Libyan oil sector... it is a leading and experienced company that manages its operations professionally," the statement said. However, news about Halliburton demanding its employees- mainly foreigners- to quickly leave Libya has been making rounds on Libyan social media.

One of the pages quoted an unnamed company source as saying that the company decided to reduce its activities and its Libyan-based staff as it did in 2015, demanding its staff to vacate their positions and leave all their equipment immediately.

According to the source, the company is planning to evacuate three locations and reduce its staff to the minimum in the company's office in Tripoli.

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Opinions

Room for Friendship and Collaboration/Cooperation

By Moehammad Amar Ma'ruf, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Tripoli

It has been almost three years the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Tripoli open a permanent Exhibition of the 1955 Asian-African Conference Room and Cultural Heritages for all local citizen in Libya. This Hall is open for public during working hours of the Embassy and closed for Friday and Saturday.

The Hall shows some photos depicting the moment of preparation of welcoming the delegate for at least 28 countries, the plenary and technical deliberation of world Asian-African delegate until the gaining of accord as a Final Document that being called as Bandung Declaration of 1955.

The story behind these photos and documents are immense accompanying the Historical and current moment of other International leaders who have been actively advocated their life to create peace and welfare condition for their peoples and the world.

The active Founding Fathers actions and measures during the era of strengthening as well as gaining the independence of their countries from many injustice action, their Heritages should made peoples aware their obligation to participate in the National or international Development agenda not only for the benefit of their societies but also for the world societies in many fields.

Today the efforts of Asian-African Conference Founding Fathers becoming more relevant with more challenges. These Historical movement of our Founding Father not only become a passive moment or document but they have directly and indirectly given impetus to current generation and voicing, more connecting and more creating new chances and opportunities to the world leaders and societies to contribute to their communities and the world by exchanging and learning each others a very practical lesson and experience concerning how to be positive part of world development agenda and how to be solution toward the world challenges.

In doing the above noble, those movement are not solely conducted by themselves but also by local peoples supports and by the International cooperation in many levels.

Copying at least the above measures of our Founding fathers, The Room of Asian-African Conferences have spread its instalment not only at the Embassy but also physically be able to be found in other places like Ali Gharyani Book Centre in Tajoura in East Tripoli and at Residence of the Libyan Historical Actor, The Late of Mahmoud Montasser, and the Archive and Historical Documents Centre in Tripoli Office.

Happily, the establishment of these Asian-African Conference Hall or Corner have been an interisting place for Eco Historical Educational and Tourims activities for public. It is also hoped that it become and enrich the list of extra curiculla for local students and communities to be studied and explored International History and relations.

It is admitted when it was open in 27 February 2020 at the Embassy and on March 2021 at Ali Gharyani Book Centre in Tajoura,

there many younger or mellinial visitors who want to know more the History and Development of the countries that involve in the Asian African Conference. Beside that, many dignitaires from Central Government and local government officers, local media, the Dean and Diplomatic Communities and International organization such as Assistant Secretary-General of UN/ UNSMIL also visited and given their support and appreciation. This Hall of the Exhibition becomes Room or Hall of Friendship and Collaboration/Cooperation or RFC.

The prédicate of RFC is completed by the simple facilities for having digital and virtual activities that can connect with Resource person abroad. This facility is provided to overcome the limitation of movement and numbers of participants due to COVID era and other non technical issues with coordination before.

So far the activities of RFC also shows the increase of the peoples to peoples contacts in the field of Social, Education and Empowering activities that involved many strata and gender.

The RFC also open for the member of families of the citizen in Libya to study a very diversified Culture of Indonesia which has a 270 million population. Even Indonesia is well-known as the most populated moslems countries, Indonesia is a very immense in their roots and ancestor civilisation. The Indonesia cultural heritage show many ethnics and religions.

For that reasons, in the 2020, the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Tripoli in collaboration with the Cultural Authoriry of Libya under Chairmansip of Mr. Hasan Onais, with his staff, Mr. AbdulMotolib, during the GNA era, made joint Book entitled Joint Book of Cultural Heritages between Libya-Indonesia. This Book tell how diversified countries we are. The reader van read that Book through this link <https://bit.ly/3bw4TzK> .

It is hoped that the existence of this Room for Friendship and Collaboration/RFC in the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia and in Ali Gharyani Book Centre and other places in Libya will always be side by side with the local Development agenda in Libya that engage a Diplomatic, International societies and local communities.

At last but not the least, this RFC is the joint effort initiated by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Tripoli Libya in collaboration with Libyan stakeholders and Diplomatic communities and International institution based in Libya. The joint measures that always respect many ideas and suggestion to be managed for the better of RFC.

May Allah Subhanahu wata'ala give His guidance and good path for all of us to be part of positive Development wherever we are. Aaamiin Ya Robbal 'Aalamiin

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Health

Tunisian medical team arrives in Tripoli to help care for fuel explosion victims

A Tunisian medical team arrived at the Burns and Plastic Surgery Hospital in Tripoli, on Wednesday, to assist national cadres in providing the necessary medical care for the victims of the fuel tanker explosion accident in Bint Baya.

The delegation was received by the director general of the hospital and the director of the administrative and financial affairs department, according to the Ministry of Health official Facebook page.

Earlier, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health in charge, Ramadan Abu Janah, instructed the Emergency Medicine and Support Center to bring in Tunisian medical teams to help deal with the large number of victims.



Health

Ministry of Health issues urgent instructions to treat victims of Bint Bayah accident

Deputy Prime Minister, who is the Acting Minister of Health, Ramadan Abu Janah has issued urgent instructions to the Emergency Medicine and Support Center to coordinate with centers specialized in burn surgery in Tunisia to admit the critical cases of the fuel tanker explosion in the municipality of Bent Baya in southern Libya.

Abu Janah also called on the Emergency Medicine and Support Center to bring a Tunisian medical team specialized in burn surgery, to the Burn and Plastic Surgery Hospital in Tripoli, to help national cadres provide the necessary medical care for the victims of the explosion.

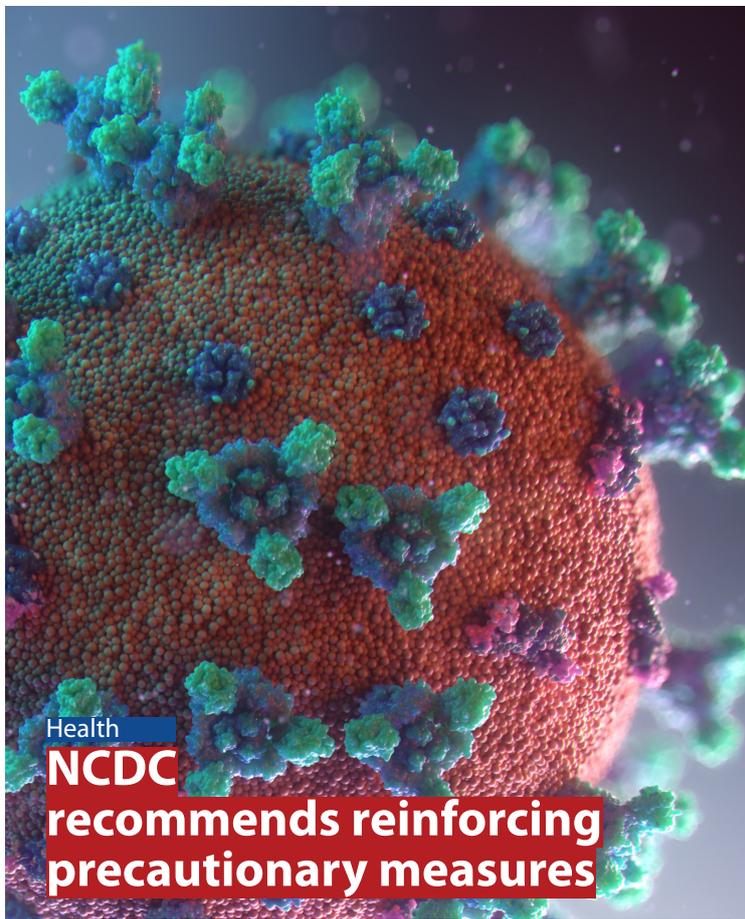
The Tunisian medical team was expected to arrive in Tripoli either this evening or tomorrow morning.

The Deputy Minister of Health for Medical Centers Affairs, Tawfiq Al-Darsi, also announced the start of transporting emergency cases via an air bridge from Sabha Airport to Maitiga International Airport using flying ambulance aircraft, to treat emergency cases at the Burns and Plastic Surgery Hospital in Tripoli.

Explaining measures taken by the government towards the tragedy, Al-Darsi said, 'We issued instructions to provide all the needs of the Burns and Plastic Surgery Hospital in Tripoli, which will receive emergency cases, in addition to launching a

a medical convoy from Bani Walid Hospital with ambulances to support emergency services at Sebha Medical Center."

He also confirmed the launch of a medical convoy from the Burns and Plastic Surgery Hospital to the Sebha Medical Center, including doctors and specialists in the field of burns to provide medical care for the cases which will be treated at the Sebha Medical Center.



Health

NCDC recommends reinforcing precautionary measures

The National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) has recommended reinforcing precautionary measures of wearing masks in public places and physical distancing in the Tripoli area.

In its weekly report, the NCDC called for quickly raising the number of daily PCR tests for COVID-19 by including the various tests conducted in public as well as private sectors, to raise the center's ability to detect cases.

The Center urged to raise the efficiency of the monitoring and rapid response teams and the pandemic information management team in order to provide epidemiological information on a daily and continuous basis.

It also called for rehabilitating the isolation centers in Tripoli, support the infection control programme and monitor the work of infection control committees by government agencies with the intensification of vaccination and awareness campaigns.

In its report, the NCDC confirmed the emergence of new hotbeds of the Corona epidemic in areas with high population density.

However, the Centre reassured the continued stability of the epidemiological situation in the country as a result of the slowdown in the spread of the disease, in addition to the stability of the weekly rate of positive cases and the death rate.



Sports

Al-Ittihad champions of Libyan Football League after brushing aside Al-Ahly 2-1

Al-Ittihad has won the Libyan Premier League title for the second time in a row and the 18th in its history after a 2-1 win against Al-Ahly Tripoli in the final match at the Rades Stadium in Tunisia on Saturday.

Moaz Issa of Al-Ittihad put his team in the lead just two minutes into the game before Rabie Shadi settled Al-Ittihad's nerve with a second goal in minute 27.

After 68 minutes, the try-scoring deadlock for Al-Ahly was finally broken by Mohamed Bouzreq, who gave his team their first and only goal in the match.

As the match progressed, Al-Ahly was able to create more chances with some changes in the offensive line, but eventually, that wasn't enough to overcome Al-Ittihad, which held firm until the end.

The two teams got Libya into the African Champions League for the next sporting season after obtaining first and second place in the last stage of the six-team group champion.

Crimes



Sabha

Libya

Antiquities smuggler arrested inside the archaeological area of Sousse

Tourism Police and Protection of Antiquities Authority of Sousse in eastern Libya has arrested a man while he was excavating inside the city's archaeological area, after being monitored for four days.

After investigations, it became clear that the person specializes in the field of history and ancient civilizations, and he is a university professor at a Libyan university, the Authority explained. It also indicated that they found antiquities inside his house, including metal equipment, statues, pottery, gold, silver, and bronze coins, precious stones of various sizes and colors, and some archaeological and historical manuscripts, confirming that all legal measures were taken for referring him to the Public Prosecution.



Crimes

Gunmen rob money-transporting vehicle in Sabha

Gunmen robbed on Wednesday, a vehicle belonging to the Central Bank of Libya branch in the city of Sabha, while it was on its way to the Jumhouria Bank in downtown.

Director of Sabha security, Colonel, Hassan Al-Ayyat, said that armed men driving Hyundai Sonata car robbed the bank's vehicle this morning, and stole 700,000 Libyan dinars.

"The gunmen who did not attack the driver and his companions, fled the scene and an incident report was made at the police station located within the vicinity of the incident," he added.

Cities under the control of warlord Khalifa Haftar's militias, especially in Sabha, are witnessing a state of insecurity, high rates of robbery, theft, and extrajudicial killings.

Travel



Libya, Algeria to reopen border crossing in between soon

The mayor of Ghadames municipality, Qassem Al-Manea, has revealed that work is underway to reopen the Libyan-Algerian border crossing in the near future.

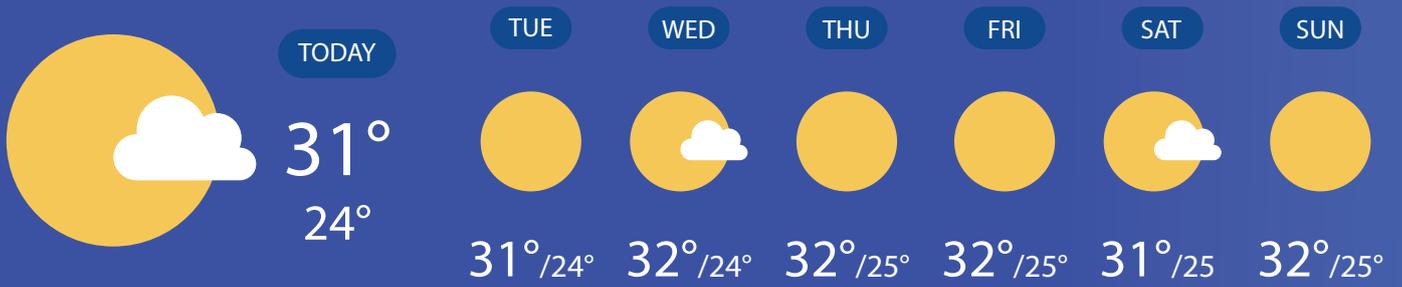
Al-Manea added, according to Hakometna platform, that the border crossing will initially be opened for commercial purposes only, and then for travelers according to the agreement concluded between the two sides, stressing the endeavor to reopen the crossing for all citizens to facilitate movement between the two countries.

Al-Manea considered this step will get Ghadames city out of the economic stagnation it is experiencing, adding that it was agreed during the last meeting between the formed committees, to hold a Libyan-Algerian meeting next week in preparation for the opening of the border crossing, after a whole year of discussions between the security, military and economic agencies, as he said.

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