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## Egypt's delegation walks out after Libya's FM chairs Arab League meeting

The Egyptian delegation headed by Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry left the Arab League ministerial meeting in Cairo after the Libyan Foreign Minister Najla Al-Mangoush had taken the chair as president of the meeting.

Sources said Shoukry rejected the assumption of chair by Libya's FM of the Government of National Unity (GNU) and had walked out of the meeting after he asked Al-Mangoush to give up presidency of the Arab League's 158th meeting but she didn't accept. The meeting in Cairo is chaired by Libya on the foreign minister's level. Libya succeeded Lebanon in presidency and this is the first time in nine years .

Al-Mangoush addressed the Arab League members, saying the GNU's stance against war makes it necessary that Libya's case is not only an item of discussion on the agenda of the Arab League Council, inviting her counterparts to convene the next meeting in Libya's capital Tripoli, and she explained that the support of Arab countries could allow Libya to hold elections as per fair and transparent laws.

"The Libyan people have suffered enough of wars, division, terrorism and the consequences of foreign interference in the past years, and the Prime Minister (Dbeibah) maintains his firm position about holding national elections in Libya." She said, calling on the legislative authority in Libya to agree on a constitutional basis for elections.



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## UNSG appoints Senegalese diplomat Abdoulaye Bathily as his special envoy to Libya and head of UNSMIL

The United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, has officially appointed the Senegalese diplomat Abdoulaye Bathily as his special representative to Libya and head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL).

The United Nations website stated that Bathily worked in 2021 as an independent expert for the strategic review of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, and also worked as a Special Representative for Central Africa and Head of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa in Gabon (2014-2016). The new envoy was also previously appointed in 2018 as a Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Madagascar, and in 2019 he was appointed as an independent expert for the strategic review of the United Nations Office for West Africa.

According to the website, Bathily has experience spanning over 40 years with his national government, regional organizations and the United Nations.

The position of the UN envoy to Libya has remained vacant for about 9 months, due to the failure of Security Council member states to agree on a number of candidates, to eventually come to an agreement to appoint Bathily despite objections from the Government of National Unity.

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## Libya's Presidential Council, GNU welcome appointment of Bathily as new UN envoy



The Libyan Presidential Council and Government of National Unity (GNU) have welcomed the appointment of Senegalese diplomat Abdoulaye Bathily as new UN envoy to Libya and Head of UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) to succeed Slovakian diplomat, Jan Kubis.

The Presidential Council hailed in a statement on Saturday the appointment and experience of Bathily, applauding his efforts in assessing the structure of UNSMIL, and reiterating that the role of the Secretary General is very significant in supporting Libyan efforts to reach peaceful solutions via the UN mission and to reach elections as soon as possible.

Relatedly, the GNU's Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah welcomed the appointment of Bathily as new UN envoy after objecting to it days ago.

Dbeibah said in a statement that his government would support the new UN envoy's efforts and push for a comprehensive political solution that speeds up the agreement on a constitutional basis for elections.

The GNU earlier objected to the appointment of the Senegalese diplomat and asked for a person with more capacity given the critical situation in Libya.

The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres announced the appointment of Senegalese diplomat Abdoulaye Bathily as new UN envoy to Libya and Head of UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) on Saturday. Bathily worked as UN representative in Central Africa, a special advisor to the UN Secretary General on Madagascar and a deputy special representative of the Secretary General in Mali.

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## Dbeibah invites Erdogan to attend Libyan-Turkish Forum as they discuss relations in Istanbul

Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity, Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, has discussed with the Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan several economic, military and political issues.

This came in a broad meeting held on Friday in Istanbul, which was attended by the Governor of the Central Bank of Libya and the Ministers of State for Cabinet Affairs, Communication and Political Affairs, and the Advisor to the Governor of the Central Bank, and from the Turkish side, Turkish Intelligence Chief Hakan Fidan, Adviser to the Turkish President Ibrahim Kalin, and Head of the Communication س

The meeting focused on following up on the political file and unifying international and local efforts to support the elections.

Several economic issues of both public and private sectors were also discussed, as well as promoting military cooperation between the two countries through training and enhancement of all military and support forces.

In his opening remarks, the Turkish President stressed the need to preserve the security and safety of Tripoli from any military operations, and change can only take place through elections, reaffirming his support and cooperation with Libya in all economic, security and military fields, paying tribute to those who fell in recent attacks.

For his part, Dbeibah underlined the importance of Turkey's role in supporting international efforts to advance and support elections as an international priority, considering that what happened in the capital, Tripoli, last week is an attempt to seize power by force and conspiracies and that Libya has no alternative except the elections option.

The meeting concluded by agreement on a bilateral work programme that covers military and energy cooperation and return of Turkish companies to complete the halted projects in Libya.

An invitation was extended to the Turkish president to attend the first Turkish-Libyan Forum to be held next November in the presence of specialized Turkish companies.

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## HoR Speaker urges support for Bashagha's government to work outside Tripoli until it's "liberated"

The House of Representatives' (HoR) Speaker Aqila Saleh has called in a letter to the Arab League's Secretary General Ahmad About Gheit for supporting the HoR and Fathi Bashagha's government, urging for supporting the government to work from outside Tripoli until the capital is "liberated from armed militias and gangs", as he put it.

He added that the HoR is the only "legitimate and elected body" in Libya that is recognized internationally and is working as per political agreement and constitutional declaration.

Saleh said Bashagha's government will be tasked with the same work as per the political agreement, saying the support of some countries for keeping Dbeibah's government in place is a support for armed militias.

Observers believe that Saleh's use of "liberating Tripoli" is a hint at the return of war as it comes amid the continued tension in western Libya between forces loyal to Dbeibah's government and those affiliated with Bashagha positioned on the outskirts of Tripoli. Saleh's statement came a day after Khalifa Haftar's statement in which he said he wasn't content with what Libya had become and that his forces were ready to liberate the country from "germs", reusing the term "fighting terrorism" as he did in all of his previous wars in Benghazi, Derna, south Libya, and finally in Tripoli in 2019.

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## ICC withdraws arrest warrant for Al-Tuhamy Khaled after his death

The "Pre-trial Chamber I" of the International Criminal Court (ICC) terminated Wednesday proceedings against the former Lieutenant General of the Libyan army and former Head of the Libyan Internal Security Agency, Al-Tuhamy Mohamed Khaled.

ICC said in a statement that the Chamber made this decision following the Prosecution's Notification of the Death of Al-Tuhamy and request to withdraw arrest war-

rant, dated 2 August 2022 and annexing a copy of a death certificate issued by the Libyan authorities and an official translation.

"In light of the Prosecution's submissions, the ICC's Chamber considered that the Certificate sufficed to render the warrant of arrest without effect. Outstanding requests for arrest and surrender made to any States must accordingly be withdrawn." The statement added.

ICC issued a Warrant of Arrest for Al-Tuhamy Mohamed Khaled because of four crimes against humanity: imprisonment, torture, persecution, and other inhumane acts committed in Libya from 15 February 2011 until 24 August 2011; in addition to three war crimes: torture, cruel treatment and outrages upon personal dignity committed in Libya from at least early March 2011 to 24 August 2011.



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## EU ready to cooperate with Libyan Money Recovery Office

The European Union confirmed its full readiness to cooperate with the Libyan Money Recovery Office, management of recovered assets and provide technical and technological support in this field.

This came in a meeting in Brussels that included the Ambassador of Libya to Belgium, Amal Al-Jarari, members of the joint working team of the Libyan Money Recovery Office, the Recovered Assets Management Office, the Antiquities Authority, representatives of the European Union, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Regional Institute for Justice and Crime Research, the Office of the Economic Inspector General of the Belgian Ministry of Trade, and the Director General of the Belgian Office for Seizures and Confiscation.

A representative of the European Union expressed the Union's readiness to conclude memorandums of understanding and cooperation with the Libyan Funds Recovery and Asset Management Office, while the Antiquities Authority experts were able to inspect the Libyan artifacts in Belgium in order to prepare a relevant technical report to prove Libyan state ownership and belonging to the Libyan cultural heritage of such artifacts that characterizes Cyrene archaeological area, after which they will be repatriated to the homeland.



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## Al-Lafi stresses to Qatari ambassador importance of peaceful track to transcend political impasse

Deputy chairman of the Presidential Council, Abdullah Al-Lafi, underlined the importance of continuing the peaceful path to overcome the political impasse, and coordinate efforts to finalize consensus on the remaining contentious points of the constitutional track between the House of Representatives and the High Council of State, in order to conclude a comprehensive road-map for the solution.

This came during Al-Lafi's meeting Monday in Tripoli, with the Qatari Ambassador to Libya, Khaled Al-Dosari, during which they discuss the Libyan political process, according to the Presidential Council's Media Office.

They also reviewed Arab and international efforts to end the political crisis, and ways to fix an election date that the Libyan people aspire to.

The Qatari ambassador conveyed his country's condolences to the families of the victims of the unfortunate events that unfolded in the capital last week, wishing stability and peace to Libya.



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## Al-Mishri informs HCS members of his Turkey visit's results

The Head of the High Council of State (HCS) Khalid Al-Mishri has informed the members of the results of his visit to Turkey where he met with the Turkish Foreign and Defense Ministers as well as the Chief of Intelligence.

The HCS said in a statement on Facebook that Turkish officials had told Al-Mishri of their vision for a solution in Libya that is based only on dialogue not force, in addition to urging for holding elections as soon as possible.

The HCS discussed in its Monday session the political and military situation as well as the recent Tripoli clashes. Al-Mishri called for investigation into those clashes.

The statement said some members objected to trying civilians at the court martial and the legal committee of the HCS was asked to decide on this issue.

Al-Mishri's visit to Turkey coincided with the visits of the Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah and the House of Representatives' designated Prime Minister Fathi Bashagha. Sources said Turkey mediated a solution to the political deadlock in Libya.



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## Field Operations Room reaffirms readiness to defend the capital

Commanders of the Field Operations Room have reaffirmed in a meeting Monday at the headquarters of the General Staff in Tripoli their readiness to defend and deter any force that may threaten the security and peace of the capital, according to a General Staff statement posted on its Facebook account.

The meeting was chaired by the Chief of Staff of the Land Forces, Maj. Gen. Al-Fituri Ghribel, in the presence of Director of Drone Department, Director of Military Police Department, and several commanders of combat military battalions.

Representatives of Presidential Council, Counter-Terrorism Force, Ministry of Interior, Military Intelligence Department, Internal Security Agency, General Intelligence Service also participated in the meeting.

The General Staff said that the meeting was devoted to "discussing ways to enforce security and peace in the area, prevent fighting in all its forms between brothers, and place the interests of the homeland and the citizen above all considerations, and that they are ready to defend and deter any force that may threaten security of the capital."

The meeting comes just over a week from the bloody clashes that afflicted Tripoli, August 27 and 28, between forces of the Government of National Unity and others loyal to the parallel government of Fathi Bashagha.

Economy

## LFB wins two court rulings, lifting seizures on its assets in France



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Libyan Foreign Bank

The Libyan Foreign Bank (LFB) managed, early this month, to win two rulings issued in its favor by the French Court of Appeal, to lift the seizures previously made by the Siba Plast Company on its assets in France, amounting to 280 million euros, claiming to have rights with the Libyan state.

In a statement on its official website on Tuesday, LFB considered these two rulings the culmination of continuous efforts to reform LFB conditions through strategic projects launched in 2021, including a project to protect LFB assets and investments. It is to be noted that the French Court of Appeal recognized the independence of the financial and legal personality of the Libyan Foreign Bank from the responsibility and legal personality of the Libyan state.

Economy

## Ministry of Transport approves 3 road projects worth over half a billion LYD



The Ministry of Transport of the Government of National Unity has approved 3 infrastructure projects on maintenance and paving of roads, the cost of which amounts to about 656 million Libyan Dinars.

According to government decisions, the Ministry of Transport granted permission to the Transportation Projects Implementation Service to contract for a maintenance project of the Wadan - Sirte Road, third section, with a length of 83 km, for the amount of 148,750.00 million LYD. The ministry also approved to contract for maintenance of the second section of the same road, with a length of 72 km, for the total amount of 133 million LYD.

The ministry also granted permission to implement the coastal road extending from Tobruk to Emsaed, north east of the country, with a length of 150 km, for the amount of 375,328,000.00 LYD.

Economy



## New board of Libyan Iron & Steel Company takes over

The Minister of Industry and Minerals, Ahmed Abu Hessa, head of Misrata's Audit Bureau Branch, and a number of officials and dignitaries of the city of Misrata have participated in the takeover ceremony of the new management of the Libyan Iron & Steel Company.

In his remarks, the new Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mohamed Al-Faqih expressed his thanks and appreciation to all successive governments over the past period and all those who had a relationship with the board of directors, praising the role of the company's workers who preserved the company and were an example of loyal workers.

The new board of directors comprises; Mohamed Al-Faqih, chairman and Sulaiman Bayram his deputy, and membership of Ali bin Omran, Abdul Hakim Al-Hadiri, Jamal Al-Sharif, Abdul Samie Khaddora and Abdul Salam Munaider.

Economy

## NOC explains reason for slight decline of crude oil production

The National Oil Corporation (NOC) announced, on Monday, that crude oil production amounted to 1.163,000 bpd during the past 24 hours, that is down from last Saturday figures of 1.224,000 bpd and Friday's production 1.226.000 bpd.

The condensate production amounted to 48,000 barrels; NOC added in a statement. It attributed production decrease to technical problems related to electricity in the Masala and Sarir oil fields.

The statement, however, pointed out that specialized technical teams of the Arabian Gulf Oil Company are working to overcome these problems to return production to its former levels.

Economy

## French court orders payment of Libya's debts to Swiss companies

A French court has issued a ruling ordering the repayment of Libya's debts during the Gaddafi rule to three Swiss companies, through the assets of the National Oil Corporation, according to a report published by Jeune Afrique magazine. The Paris court considered that the National Oil Corporation, which was directly supervised by the Libyan state, was required to redeem the Swiss companies "Jallouli Communications Easy Media Group",

"Sysmed Travel" and "Hopital de La Tour". The three Swiss companies were able to win the case in the initial phase, paving the way for the recovery of debts from the assets of a state oil company based in France. Jeune Afrique stated that the decision of the Paris Court was denounced by the Libyan Oil Corporation, but all the data proved that the company's allegations are wrong by recognizing that the National Corporation is ema-

nating from the Libyan state. According to Jeune Afrique, the French judiciary authorized the three Swiss companies to recover their debts from the Libyan state through the assets of the joint venture "Mabrouk Oil" in France, and this tangibly means that the National Oil Corporation compensates these companies for the proceeds of selling their shares in the Mabrouk Oil Company.

Features

# The Beauty of Libya's Murad Agha's Mosque



Murad Agha's Mosque is one of the most splendid pieces of Islamic architecture in Libya. It was built by Murad Agha, an Othmani Basha commander of the military campaign sent by Sultan Sulaiman in 1510, in response to the people of Tripoli's appeal against Spanish invaders.

The Mosque stands on a raised platform in the middle of Tajoura, a suburb of Tripoli.

The building includes a house prayer, which centers a large courtyard and a separate minaret. The current minaret is relatively modern, the original one collapsed in an earthquake in 1901. the minaret is square shaped as in Moroccan style. It was derived from the one built in Alqayrawan's Mosque. The prayer house is 33.00x38.50 m; which makes it form a rectangle shape.

Creative architecture has made the outside walls thick from beneath and gradually decrease as they extend up high to create a spectacular corn vision. Carved wooden doors and arches, marble columns that hold up a splendid ceiling are all highly cherished by the visitors and art lovers.

Murad Basha settled in Tajoura in preparation to free Tripoli from its occupiers.

The huge mass of the building besides its schematics from the inside show that the

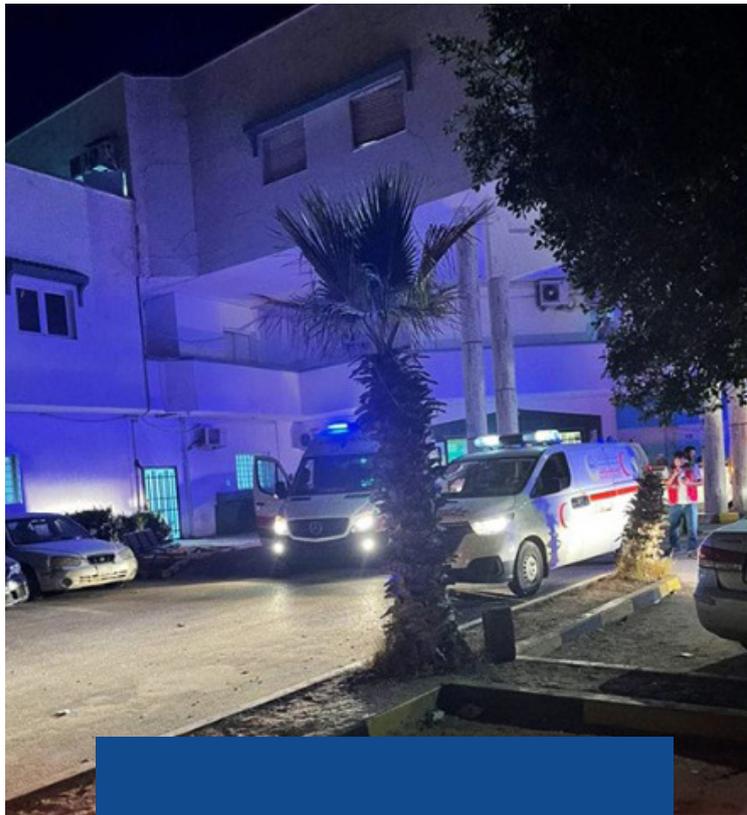
building was first designed and constructed to be a military fort.

Unlike other mosques, the wall that the people face while praying which points to Kiblah (direction of Mecca) is smaller than the other walls. The rooms that were distributed throughout the Kiblah wall are thought to be places for soldiers to rest or storage rooms for army supplies. Wall to wall flyovers locate the marble columns. The wooden doors above that open out at all directions meant to be lookouts for security guards.

The well inside the prayer house is also unfamiliar to mosques architecture, historians indicate that the well was the main source of drinking water for soldiers residing the fort.

These kinds of buildings were positioned throughout the coastline in North Africa at that time to resist the Norman sea raids. When the war ended, the fortress was converted into a mosque in 1552.

After four centuries, the Mosque still stands as a symbol of resistance. In 2011, at the same place in a different era, people marched from the Mosque in a rally, triggering the revolution in Tripoli and the entire western region, which led to the dismantling of the dictatorship military rule.



Health

## Tripoli Pediatric Hospital declares state of emergency due to power outage

The Director General of the Children's Hospital in Tripoli, Ahmed Al-Busaifi, said that the power outage that hit the hospital Monday night was due to a technical defect as a result of a short circuit, and it was maintained and the problem was addressed by the General Electricity Company.

Al-Busaifi confirmed the stability of the health condition of nine patients who were in intensive care, as well as the newborns.

Ambulances of the Emergency Medicine and Support Center rushed to the place, and public and private hospitals in Tripoli declared an emergency following the power outage, in preparation for the possibility of the children's health condition being affected in the intensive care unit.

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Education

## Libya, France discuss educational cooperation

Minister of Education of the Government of National Unity, Musa Al-Maqrif, has discussed with the Cultural Attaché at the French Embassy in Libya, educational cooperation related to teaching of French language.

The two sides discussed aspects of joint cooperation between the two countries, in addition to launching French teaching-method training courses for French language graduates, according to the official Facebook account of the Ministry of Education

The meeting specifically discussed 'launching of training courses for Libyan French speakers, to qualify them to teach French in line with the ministry's efforts to include French as an optional language at secondary-education level.

Education

## Italian Language to be taught at Libyan Secondary School as of 2022-2023 year

The Ministry of Education has decided to teach the Italian language in Libya as an optional subject for high school students starting from the 2022-2023 academic year.

According to the Italian Nova news agency, a new batch of trainees, around 30 teachers, from different regions in Libya, will soon begin training at the Italian University of Siena for foreigners.

On August 23, the Minister of Education, Mussa al-Maqrif, accompanied by the deputy ambassador of Italy in Tripoli, handed over certificates to 60 new Italian language teachers in Libyan secondary schools, after receiving in-person and remote training at Ca'Foscari University in Venice.

Culture

## LIBYA Libyan Embassy in Serbia to celebrate Libyan-Serbian Cultural Day



The Libyan embassy in Serbia has announced that preparations are underway to commemorate the 'Libyan-Serbian Cultural Day'.

The festivity will be held on September 18 at the African Arts Museum in the Serbian capital Belgrade.

The Libyan Foreign Ministry stated on its Facebook account, that this festivity is to be held for the first time, since the beginning of the

two countries' historical relations in 1953. This is part of the embassy's continued efforts, to cement bilateral relations, and strengthen the historical friendship between the two countries, it added.

The celebration aims to introduce the authentic cultural heritage of the peoples of both countries, and will include many cultural activities and historical collections, with the participation of the Libyan community in the Republic of Serbia.

Migration

## More than 100 asylum seekers evacuated from Libya to Rwanda



The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has evacuated more than 100 asylum-seekers on a flight from Libya to reach Rwanda.

According to UNHCR, the migrants were from Eritrea, Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and South Sudan, including 38 children.

UNHCR expressed its thanks to the relevant Libyan authorities for their support in facilitating the necessary formalities for these humanitarian evacuation flights.

Migration

## Human rights group expresses concern over case of 287 Egyptian migrants

The Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor has said that the incident of apprehending 287 Egyptian migrants, including more than 90 children, in a warehouse in Tobruk should draw attention to the need to combat smuggling networks and human trafficking.

The Euro-Med Monitor added in a statement that it followed with great concern the raid by forces affiliated with the Tobruk Security Directorate to a warehouse inside a farm in the south of the city on the evening of Sunday, September 4th, when migrants were found detained in a poor humanitarian situation, and transported to a rescue centre in the city in preparation for their repatriation to Egypt.

The Monitor pointed out that it had seen testimonies published by local media for a large number of migrants who were being held inside the warehouse, as adults said that they paid money in order to reach Libya from which they supposed to migrate to Italy by sea in search of job opportunities.

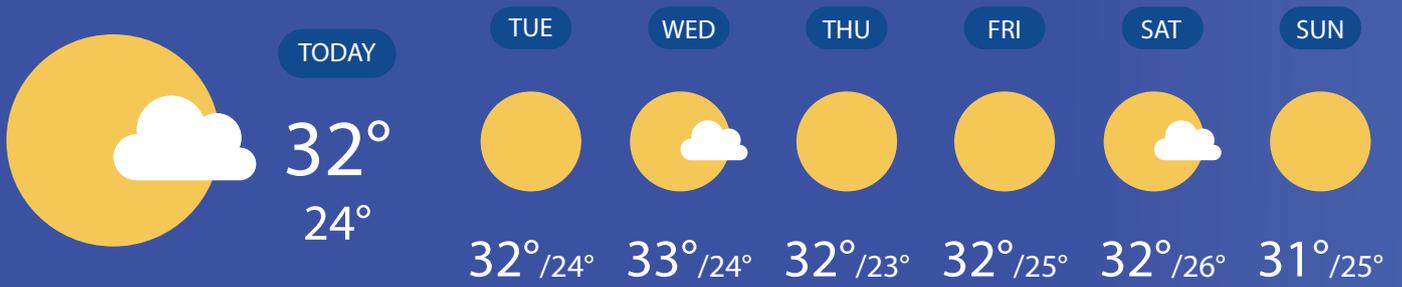
The Euro-Med Monitor indicated that some migrant children were not aware of the destination they would go to, or even the risks they might face during the migration journey, explaining that the ages of the migrants ranged between 12 and 50 years, and they came from different governorates, including Assiut, Minya and Gharbia.

The Euro-Med Monitor quoted some migrants as saying that they were forced to walk tens of kilometers on foot in a desert environment to reach the place, while their stay in the warehouse ranged between a few days and 6 months, while some of them said that they moved between at least 5 warehouses during their stay in the Libyan territories.



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