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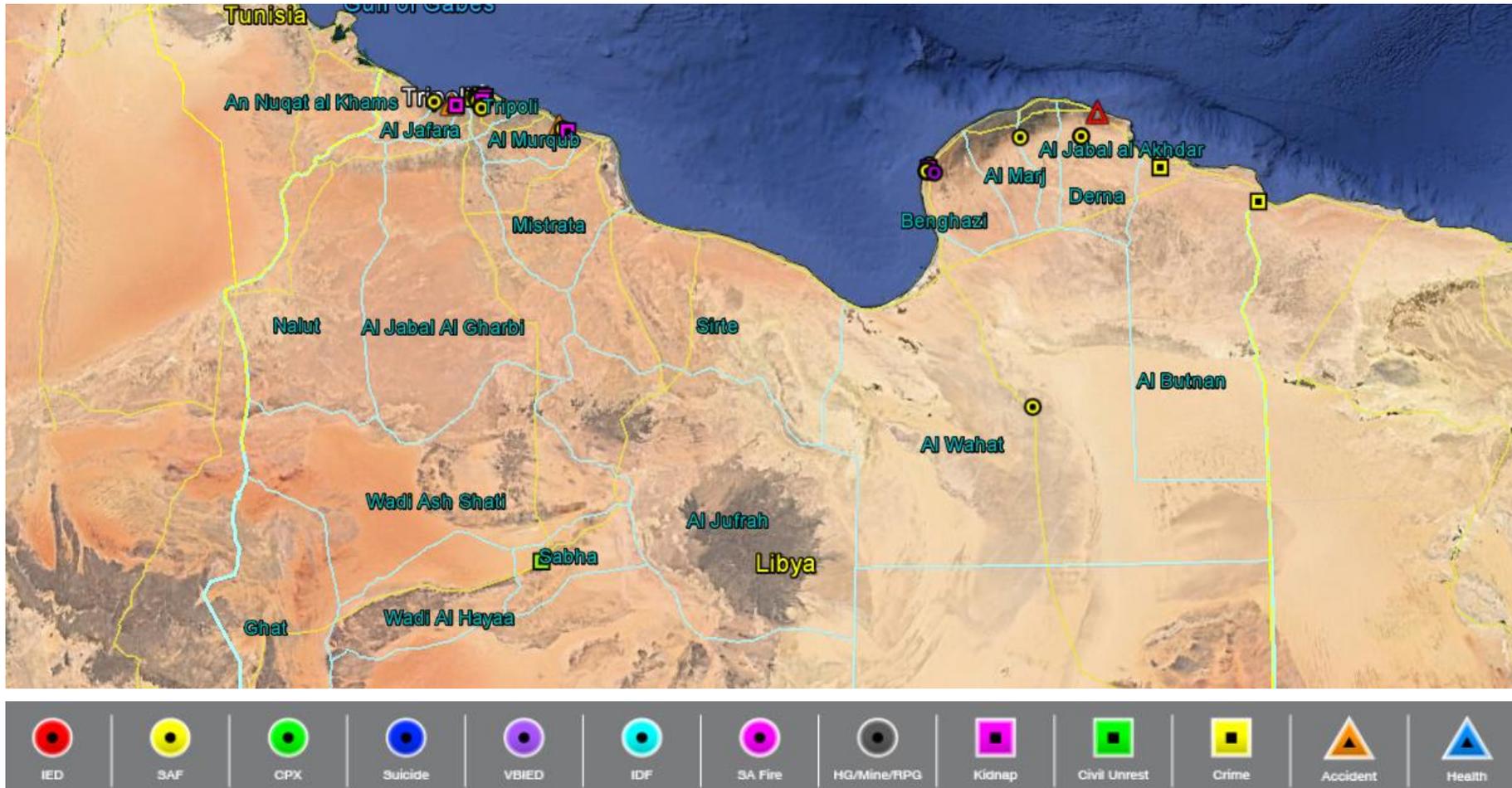
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**ACTIVITY MAP**



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**OUTLOOK**

**Short term outlook**

- An armed clash involving opposing militia groups in Tripoli is likely to result in continued tension in the city. Militia lines of control including Abu Saleem, Salahuddin and Wadi Alrabie are likely to remain areas of conflict.
- International political pressures increase following the signing of the “Tunisia Declaration”. Further pressure may be applied to Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar, leader of the LNA, to attend talks with the GNA.
- A ceasefire in Zliten should result in traffic being allowed to continue on the Coast Road between Zliten and Misrata. It is likely that conflicts will not flare up again in the short term, however further fighting cannot be ruled out.
- Restrictions on international travel for Libyans aged between 18-45 years old in the eastern region is likely to result in protests and further controversy. International staff travelling through the area should be allowed to travel but may face additional scrutiny.

**Medium to long term outlook**

- The GNC has continued to rebuild its power base in the west of Libya, increasing the threat it poses to the GNA and the HoR. It is eroding the GNA periphery support base around Tripoli and continues to undermine the government. It has effectively got control over a number of neighborhoods in the capital through loyal militia groups and could soon have an operational airport in the capital under its influence providing a critical supply route. It has expanded its influence through the Libyan National Guard to a number of western towns.
- Support by external stakeholders to competing factions inside Libya threatens to move the conflict into more of a proxy situation. There are early indications however that some external factions are making moves to combat this and are calling for unity while suggesting they are willing to be more flexible in terms of who they support in order to help achieve this.
- There is an increasing potential for destabilization in the south as feelings of marginalization grow and living conditions deteriorate. The situation could leave the area more vulnerable to exploitation by various factions and groups.

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

**Governance**

- Anniversary of the 2011 Libyan Revolution passes peacefully
- Travel ban causes controversy in the Eastern Region
- ‘Tunisia declaration’ and HoR action signal LPA progress

**Security**

- Tripoli instability increases with assassination attempt and large clashes
- Security plans for Tripoli-Tunisia Coastal Road announced
- Zliten-Misratan conflict closes Coastal Road for two days

**Oil and gas**

- NOC predicts oil production will reach 1.2m bpd by August



## KEY DATES

Date	Occasion	Comment
19 March 2017	Commemoration	Commemoration of victory over Gadhafi.
01 May 2017	Labour Day	National holiday.
25 – 27 June 2017	Eid al Fitr	End of Ramadan.
01 – 03 September 2017	Eid ul Adha	Feast of Sacrifice.
16 September 2017	Martyrs Day	

## THREAT MATRIX

Region	Political	Terrorism	Militancy	Crime	K&R
Tripolitania	High-Extreme	High	High	High	High
Cyrenaica	High	High-Extreme	Moderate	High	High
Fezzan	High	Moderate	High	High	High

Threat Scale

Minimal

Low

Moderate

High

Extreme

## LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

### Governance

#### Anniversary of Libyan Revolution passes peacefully

The anniversary of the Libyan Revolution, on February 17 passed peacefully with approx. two-three thousand people celebrating in Martyrs' Square, Tripoli. Similar events occurred throughout Libya in cities including Misrata and Sabratah.

#### Travel ban causes controversy in the Eastern Region

The Military Governor in Eastern Libya, Abdel Razik Al-Nadiri, has caused widespread criticism and controversy this week after imposing an international travel ban on Libyan travellers without prior authorisation and vetting.

#### 'Tunisia declaration' and LPA progress

On February 20, a meeting was held in Tunisia between representatives from Egypt, Algeria and Tunisia, to discuss the Libyan crisis. The aim of the meeting was to reaffirm the group's commitment to resolving the crisis in Libya through support of political initiatives rather than intervention. An agreement was made, to become known as the 'Tunisia declaration', which defined a five point plan.

### Security

#### Tripoli instability increases with assassination attempt and large clashes

There have been significant incidents in Tripoli this week which have resulted in an increasing threat and instability in the city. Incidents included a number of minor clashes at the start of the week, an "attempted assassination" of senior GNA officials and then a major armed clash towards the end of the week in Abu Saleem, resulting in several fatalities. The city remains tense and further armed clashes, on a smaller scale, are likely in the coming week.

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**Security plans for Coastal Road announced**

Deputy Prime Minister of the PC, Ahmed Maiteeq has announced a plan to secure the Coastal Road from the West of Tripoli to the Tunisian border. Maiteeq made the announcement at a press conference alongside Sabratah Municipality Leader Husayn al-Dhuwadi.

**Zliten-Misratan conflict closes Coastal Road for two days**

The Coastal Highway was closed this week for two days in the area of Dafiniyah after a Misratan militia group, the Al-Mahjoub Brigade, launched an attack against the Zliten Joint Security Operations Room (JSOR) HQ on February 20. The attack was aimed at releasing Misratan prisoners arrested by the Zliten JSOR earlier. Eventually, a ceasefire was agreed, involving a prisoner exchange and the Al-Mahjoub group were reproached by the Misratan Municipality for their actions.

**Oil and gas**

**NOC predicts oil production will reach 1.2m bpd by August**

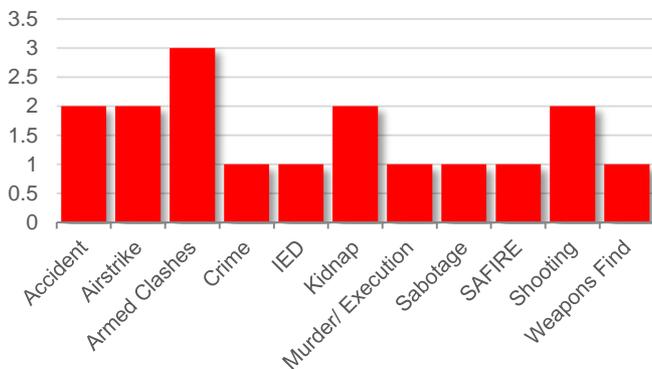
A spokesman for the National Oil Corporation (NOC) has claimed that Libya’s crude oil production will reach 1.2m bpd by August 2017. The spokesman said that the growth is due to ongoing maintenance works aimed at increasing oil production in several areas, including the EI-Fil oilfield. He also claimed that production could reach previous levels of 1.6m bpd by March 2018.

**WEEKLY OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT**

**Tripolitania**

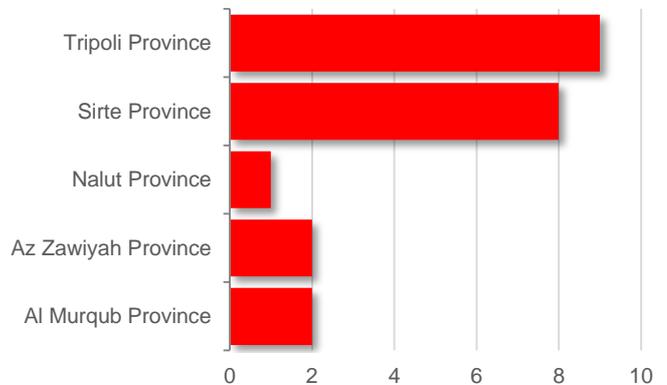
**Incidents**

Incidents by type, 16 - 22 Feb



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Incidents by district, 16 - 22 Feb



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**Significant activity**

- Parade - 17 Feb 17, Tripoli Province, Martyrs' Square: Thousands of civilians gathered in Matyrs' Square to celebrate the anniversary of the 2011 Libyan Revolution. No incidents of violence were reported.
- Armed Clashes - 19 Feb 17, 14:00hrs, Tripoli Province, Wadi Alrabie: Armed clashes occurred, blocking the Wadi Alrabie Road in Tripoli. No casualties reported.
- Possible arson attack - 19 Feb 17, 21:00hrs, Tripoli Province, Hay Andalous: A fire broke out at the People's Hall during the evening. Investigations are ongoing.
- Armed Clashes - 19 Feb 17, 23:00hrs, Tripoli Province, Hay Andalous: An armed clash was reported in the Hay Andalous area involving heavy weapons and SAF.
- Armed Clashes - 19 Feb 17, 23:00hrs, Tripoli Province, Abu Saleem: Reports of armed clashes involving Ghnewia and Burki militia and the use of heavy weapons.

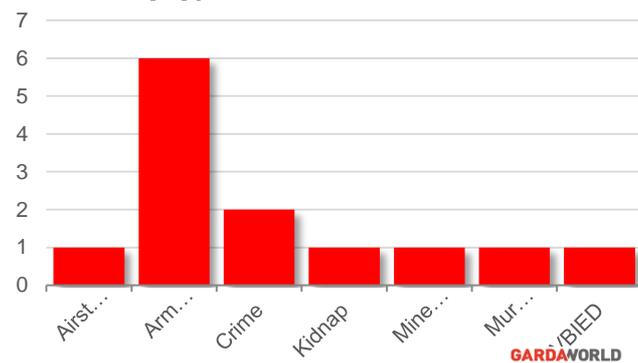
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- Armed Attack - 20 Feb 17, 13:00hrs, Tripoli Province, Abu Saleem: Shots were fired upon a motorcade carrying the Prime Minister of the Government of National Accord Fayez Serraj, Chairman of the High Council of State Abdul-Rahman al-Swehli and the head of the Presidential Guard Brig. Nejmi Al Nakou.
- Armed Clashes - 20 Feb 17, 14:00hrs, Al Murqub Province, Zliten: An armed clash occurred when a Misratan militia group launched an attack against the Zliten Security Operations Room HQ, with the intent of releasing Misratan prisoners. The Misratan group withdrew to the Nayema district. The main Coastal Highway road was closed for two days as a result.
- Accident - 21 Feb 17, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah: Around 74 bodies of African migrants were washed ashore in Zawiyah. A Red Crescent spokesman said that the migrants appeared to have died in the last two days and all but three were adult males.
- Kidnap - 21 Feb 17, Libya: Indian media has reported that an Indian doctor, who was abducted 18 months ago by the IS in Libya has been rescued.
- Armed Clashes - 22 Feb 17, Az Zawiyah Province, Sabratah: Sabratah Municipal Council has reported an attack at the premises of the council by Ministry of Interior affiliated groups.
- Accident - 22 Feb 17, Al Murqub Province, Khoms: Approx. 12 migrants died and an unspecified number were injured after being locked in a shipping container in Khoms.

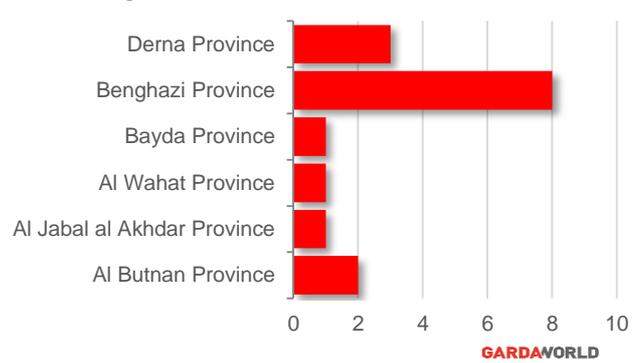
**Cyrenaica**

**Incidents**

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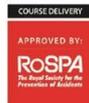


Incidents by district, 16 - 22 Feb



**Significant activity**

- Armed Clashes - 17 Feb 17, Al Jabal Al Akhdar Province, Al Bayda: Minor clashes occurred between the Barasa tribe and LNA. Casualties are not known.
- Armed Clashes - 17 Feb 17, Benghazi Province, Ganfouda: Clashes between the LNA and RSCB continued in the Buildings 12 area; a LNA field commander was killed and two fighters wounded.
- Armed Clashes - 20 Feb 17, Benghazi Province, Ganfouda: Clashes occurred between LNA and militants in the Building 12 area in Ganfouda; three LNA were killed and seven more injured.
- Mine Strike - 21 Feb 17, Derna Province, Derna: A mine detonated killing a child and injuring two other people. Local reports claim that the mine was left by IS militants.
- Armed Clashes - 21 Feb 17, Benghazi Province, Ganfouda: Clashes continued in the Building 12 area between LNA and RSCB; four LNA soldiers were killed and nine were injured.
- VBIED - 22 Feb 17 19:00, Benghazi Province, Al Hawary: A VBIED detonated targeting the commander of the Benghazi Security Department, Salah Al-Howedi. The vehicle detonated as it passed Howedi's car. Howedi was taken to hospital with injuries.



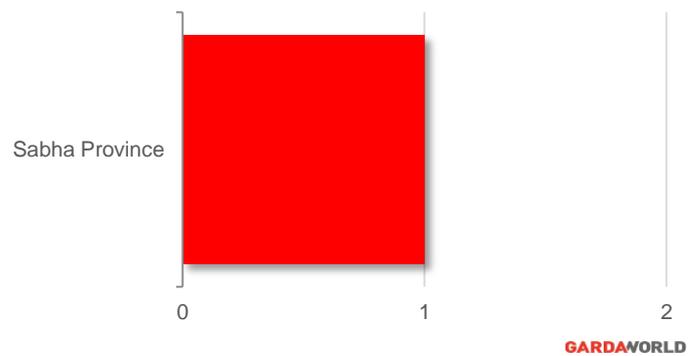
**Fezzan**

**Incidents**

Incidents by type, 16 - 22 Feb



Incidents by district, 16 - 22 Feb



**Significant activity**

- Demonstration - 18 Feb 17, Sabha Province, Sabha: Airport staff staged a demonstration at Sabha airport, urging owners to reopen the site for civil flights.

**ACRONYM LIST**

- AAS – Ansar al-Sharia (AQ affiliate)
- AQ - Al-Qaeda
- BAM – Al Bunyan Al Marsous (Misrata aligned)
- BDB – Benghazi Defense Brigade / Saraya Defend Benghazi (SDB) (Al Qaeda aligned – AAS and RSCB associated/umbrella group)
- CNI – Critical National Infrastructure
- GATMJB - Operations Room for the Liberation of the City Ajdabiya and Support for Benghazi Rebels
- GECOL – General Electricity Company of Libya
- GMMR – Great Man-made River
- GNA – Government of National Accord (UN backed)
- GNC – General National Congress (Tripoli based)
- HCN - Host Country National
- HoR – House of Representatives (Tobruk based)
- IDP - Internally Displaced Persons
- IED - Improvised Explosive Device
- IOC - International Oil Company
- IS - Islamic State
- LNA – Libyan National Army
- LPA – Libyan Political Agreement
- LROR - Libyan Revolutionary Operations Room
- MoD - Ministry of Defense
- MoF - Ministry of Finance
- MoFA - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- MoHE - Ministry of Higher Education
- Mol - Ministry of Interior
- MoJ - Ministry of Justice
- MoO - Ministry of Oil
- MoT - Ministry of Transportation
- MSCD – Mujahideen Shura Council of Derna (AQ aligned)
- NFDK - No Further Details Known
- NGO - Non-Governmental Organization (aid/charity)
- NOC – National Oil Company
- NSG – National Salvation Government (GNC)
- NSTR - Nothing Significant To Report
- PAX - Person, Persons or Passenger
- PC – Presidency Council (GNA)
- PG – Presidential Guard
- PFG- Petroleum Facilities Guard
- PSC - Private Security Company
- PSD - Private Security Detail
- RPG - Rocket Propelled Grenade
- RSCB - Revolutionary Shura Council of Benghazi
- RTA - Road Traffic Accident
- SDB – Saraya Defend Benghazi / Benghazi Defense Brigade (BDB) (Al Qaeda-aligned – AAS and RSCB associated/umbrella group)
- TCN - Third Country National
- Technical - An improvised weapon-mounted pick-up truck
- UXO - Unexploded Ordnance



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