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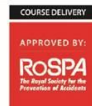


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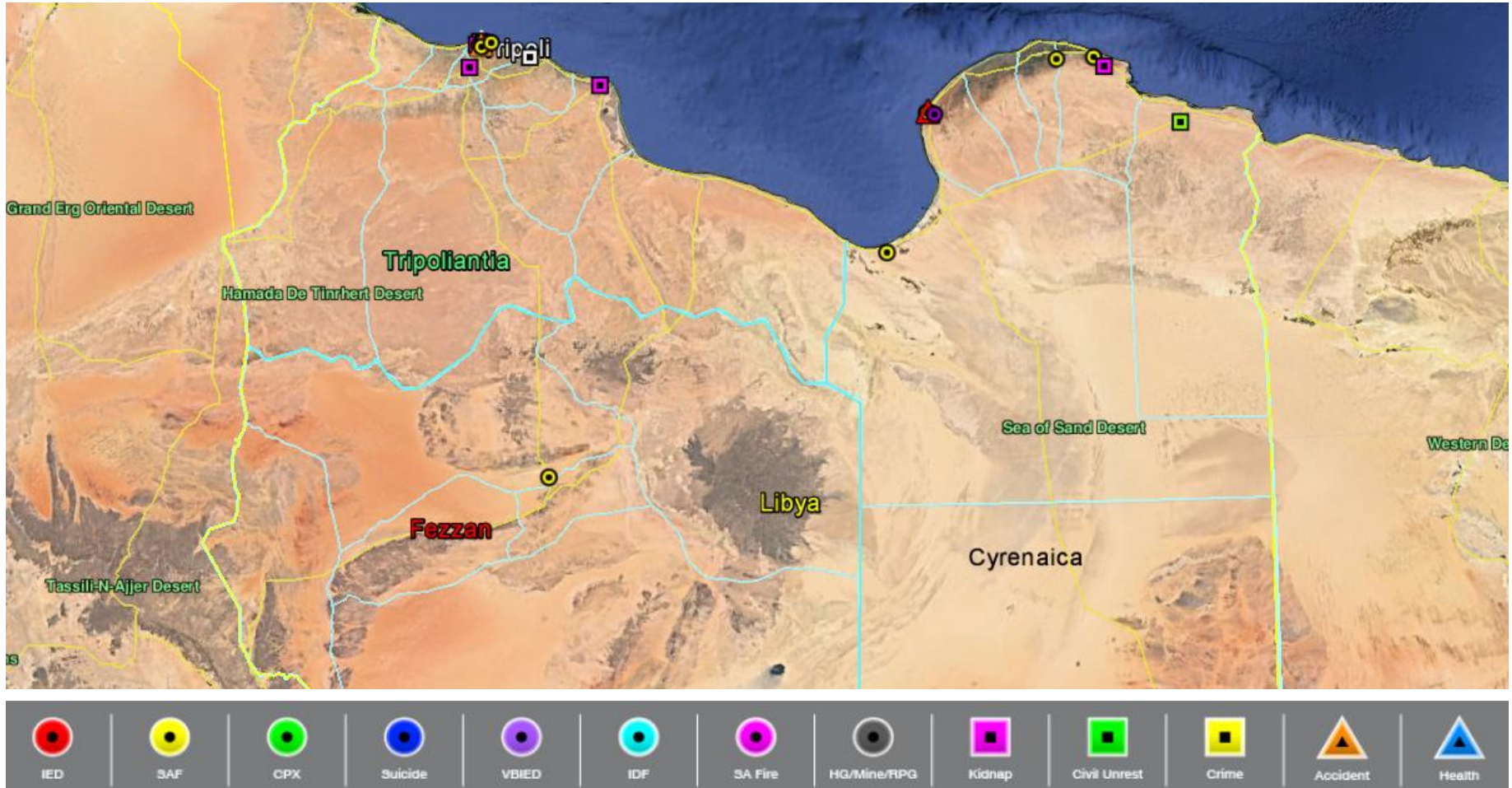
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ACTIVITY MAP



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OUTLOOK

Short term outlook

- Tensions remain high in Abu Saleem, Tripoli following the expiration of a ceasefire between Ghneiwa and al Burki militia. Further clashes can be expected in other areas of Tripoli in the coming weeks. Militia lines of control including Abu Saleem, Salahuddin and Wadi Alrabie are likely to be areas of conflict.
- LNA operations in Ganfouda, Benghazi may be fueled by the recent VBIED attacks in the city. Increased incidents are likely in the coming week.
- Threats from the LNA to mount military operations in Derna are unlikely to result in major operations but these cannot be ruled out.

Medium to long term outlook

- The threat in Tripoli is unlikely to change significantly in the coming weeks. Minor clashes are expected to continue, with the potential for some to escalate into protracted battles. Both GNC affiliated groups under the banner of the Libya National Guard, and other groups more supportive of the GNA, are likely to make attempts to increase their territory and control of strategic areas in Tripoli.
- International political pressure is increasing following a number of recent developments. The signing of the "Tunisia Declaration, concerns over escalating security issues in Tripoli and an impending visit from the President of the GNA to Russia are likely to contribute. These international stakeholders may provide encouragement to Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar, leader of the LNA, to participate in talks with the GNA.
- As LNA operations reach their conclusion in Benghazi, it is possible that troops may redeploy elsewhere. Indications of increased activity have already been seen in Derna, but this area might not be seen as a strategically important priority for the LNA. Other possible courses of action include expanding the LNA's area of influence around the Oil Crescent and controlling routes south of Tripoli.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Governance

- GNA Prime Minister, Fayez Serraj visits Russia to discuss their role in Libya
- Several prominent countries including UK and US have made a joint statement on Libya, highlighting security concerns in Tripoli and their support for the LPA
- The HoR has been unable to choose a group of representatives for Libya Political Dialogue meetings. Further sessions will be held next week.
- UNICEF warns of increasing dangers to child migrants
- The GNC has announced that Tripoli International Airport will reopen by end of March

Security

- Tripoli remains quiet but tense. Further clashes in Abu Saleem remain possible
- The LNA has launched further offensives in Ganfouda, Benghazi, perhaps fueled by recent VBIED attacks in the city
- A senior figure in the LNA has indicated LNA intent to increase operations in Derna
- Meetings between Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar, and a former LNA commander in al-Bayda appears to have resolved tensions in the area

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

GNA Prime Minister, Fayez Serraj visits Russia

The head of the GNA, Fayez Serraj, is currently visiting Moscow for high level talks with the Russian government. Lavrov described Russia as an old friend of Libya and said: "We are convinced that only the Libyan people themselves can overcome the current crisis, all the parties in Libya through an inclusive national dialogue aimed at reconciliation." Further news of the visit is likely to appear in the coming days, hopefully with some clarity on how far Russia will go to facilitate Serraj-Haftar talks.

International joint statement on Libya

Following clashes in Tripoli last week, the Ambassadors of France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States to Libya have published a joint public statement. The post condemns the violence and reaffirms the groups' commitment to the LPA, and their continued support for the Presidency Council as the legitimate governing body.

HoR unable to choose group of representatives for Libyan Political Dialogue meetings

Despite two sessions being held this week on the subject, the HoR has failed to agree membership of a new committee, formed to represent them at Libyan Political Dialogue (LPD) meetings. It appears that only five members have been nominated from the Eastern Region, leaving another five each to be nominated from the West and South. Sessions will continue next week.

UNICEF warn of increasing dangers to child migrants

A new report from UNICEF has warned of increasing dangers to children in Libya. The report states that almost 26,000 migrant children crossed the Mediterranean last year and many of these children have suffered from violence and sexual abuse. Concerns are raised highlighting a lack of basic provisions at detention centres, unofficial centres run by militias, and the links between illegal migration and prostitution/human trafficking into

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Europe.

Tripoli International Airport to reopen by end of March

The GNC has stated that Tripoli International Airport will to be reopened before the end of March. Recent photographs of the airport indicate that the site will require a significant amount of work and it is somewhat debatable as to whether the airport can return to full operational effectiveness so soon.

Security

Tripoli remains quiet but tense

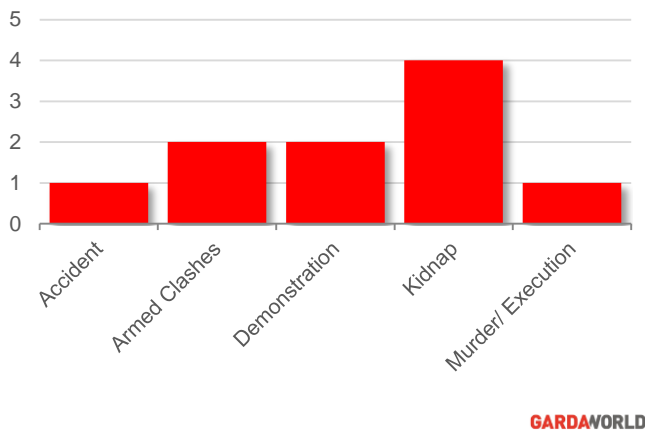
Tripoli has remained relatively quiet since a large clash in Abu Saleem ended on February 24. A temporary ceasefire was agreed, to allow negotiations to occur in the coming week. Unfortunately a breakthrough did not occur and the ceasefire ended on Wednesday evening, amidst rumors of a second offensive. Additional GNA supportive militia troops have flooded the area in a bid to maintain the peace. This appears to have been a success in the short term, but clashes remain likely in the Abu Saleem area in the longer term.

WEEKLY OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

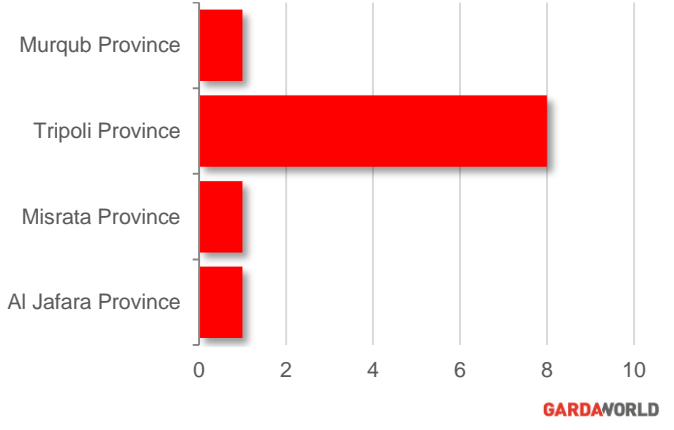
Tripolitania

Incidents

Incidents by type, 23 Feb - 01 Mar



Incidents by district, 23 Feb - 01 Mar



Significant activity

- Armed Clashes – 23-25 Feb 17, Tripoli Province, Abu Saleem: A major armed clash occurred after al-Burki militia tried to storm a Ghenwia position which, Burki claims, was holding Burki prisoners. The incident escalated into an armed clash in the streets of Abu Saleem involving mortars, heavy weapons and tanks. The incident continued until a ceasefire was agreed at approximately midnight on 25 February. Casualty estimates range between 6-20 people killed in the fighting and many more injured.
- Kidnap - 25 Feb 17, Tripoli Province, Gadah: Moayed Al-Lafi, a football player for the Libyan national team and Al-Ahli, was kidnapped in front of gas station in Gadah, Tripoli. He was freed on Sunday evening. No details of a ransom fee were reported.
- Armed Clashes - 26 Feb 17 22:00, Tripoli Province, Salahaddin: Armed clashes occurred close to Tripoli University in the Khalet El Furjan/Salahaddin area involving TRB and Sherikan Misratan militia. Incident involved heavy weapons but was not protracted. No casualties were reported.
- Kidnap - 01 Mar 17, Al Jafara Province, Warshefana: RDF claims to have rescued a 3 year old child from a group in Warshefana.

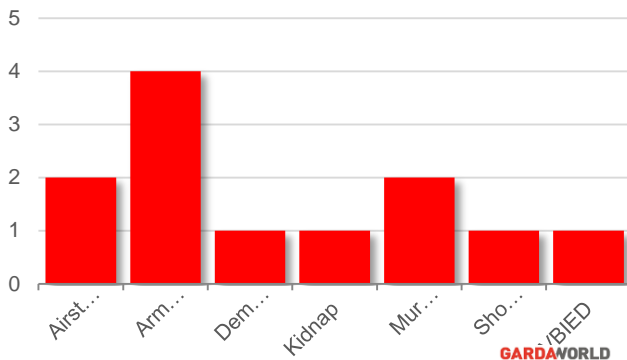
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- CP/ Road Block - 01 Mar 17, Murqub Province, Alaluas: The Coastal Highway was blocked approx. 12 km west of Alaluas. Locals blocked the highway in protest after RDF arrested several local residents.
- Murder/ Execution - 01 Mar 17, morning, Tripoli Province, Tajura: A football coach from Al-Wafa club in Obari was shot and killed by unknown assailants while he was driving his car through Tajura. At least two other passengers in the vehicle have been reported missing.

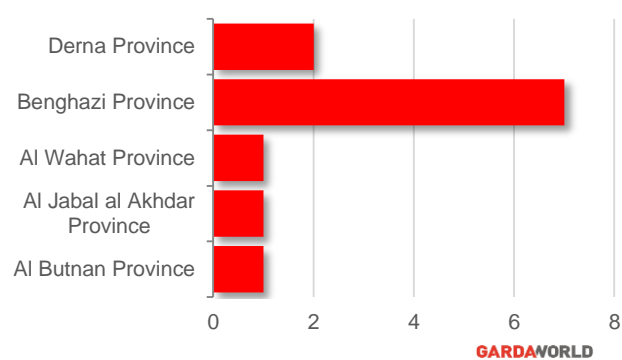
Cyrenaica

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Significant activity

- Murder/ Execution - 24 Feb 17, Al Wahat Province, Ajdabiya: The Tariq Ben Ziyad Fighting Brigade, linked to the LNA has released a video showing the execution of a man accused of being an IS member in Ajdabiya. The incident has received widespread criticism from human rights advocates.
- VBIED - 26 Feb 17, Benghazi Province, Al Hawary: A VBIED detonated in the al-Hawari area of Benghazi targeting a convoy of Al-Saiqa commander Mahmoud Al-Wirfalli. Two people were killed and four, including Wirfalli, injured.
- Airstrike - 26 Feb 17, Benghazi Province, Ganfouda: Two airstrikes were carried out against the Buildings 12 area of Ganfouda.
- Armed Clashes - 26 Feb 17, Benghazi Province, Ganfouda: Saiqa and 204 Tank Brigade have been using artillery and tanks in an offensive into Ganfouda. Three people have been arrested during the operations.
- Armed Clashes - 27 Feb 17, Benghazi Province, Ganfouda: Armed clashes continued in the Building 12 area; two LNA soldiers were killed.
- Airstrike - 28 Feb 17, Benghazi Province, Ganfouda: The media wing of the RSCB claimed that a former regime officer was killed during an airstrike in Ganfouda.
- Armed Clashes - 28 Feb 17, early morning, Derna Province, Daher al Hamer: Mujahideen Shura Council of Derna (MSCD) fighters claim that they repelled an attack from LNA forces in Dahr Al-Homir; two MSCD fighters and four LNA soldiers were wounded.
- Armed Clashes - 28 Feb 17, Benghazi Province, Ganfouda: Armed clashes continued in the Ganfouda area of Benghazi; seven Saiqa (Special Forces) troops were reportedly killed and 20 others wounded.

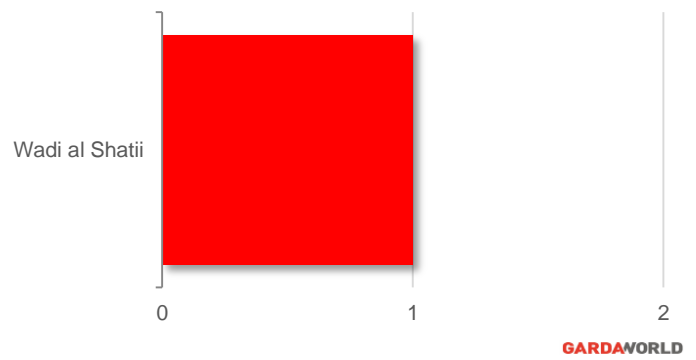
Fezzan

Incidents

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Incidents by district, 23 Feb - 01 Mar





Significant activity

- Armed Clashes - 24 Feb 17, Wadi al Shatii, Wadi al Shatii Prison: Relatives of a prisoner attacked the Wadi Al-Shatti prison in Sabha leading to the escape of sixty inmates. Twenty inmates have been recaptured since the breakout.

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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