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OUTLOOK

Short term outlook

- Following public statements from the GNC last week, stating intent to reinstall itself in the capital and to retake territory through force, the city has remained relatively quiet. However, tensions remain and clashes in the southern areas of Tripoli remain a possibility.
- Clashes at Brak Airbase, Fezzan Province have the potential to escalate into a wider conflict.
- The LNA continues its assault against Sabri and Suq Al-Hout in Benghazi. Defensive IEDs, extensive debris and tunnels are expected to complicate the advance.
- There may be attempts to destabilise the security situation around the strategic Coastal Road, west of Tripoli. The road remains vulnerable and is subject to closure with little to no notice and security incidents involving militia and criminal groups.

Medium to long term outlook

- A series of meetings at the end of April/ start of May have increased hopes that progress could be made towards breaking the current political impasse. The potential for a deal between the GNA and HoR/LNA is triggering reactions from other factions including the GNC which remains outside of the current political mainstream.
- Opposing ideologies which have been surfacing for some time now in Misrata, are now threatening the city's unity. While attempts are underway to heal the rift internally, the ongoing power struggle between the GNA and the GNC will continue to exacerbate the situation as will the LNA push against Misratan aligned units in Fezzan and talks between GNA and LNA.
- IS fighters are regrouping in remote areas of Libya including central, south and southwest regions with reports also suggesting they are infiltrating the Great Tripoli area and blending in with the local population. Although their capabilities are severely diminished, reducing their ability to control large areas, the group retains the capability to conduct terrorist attacks.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Governance

- The Head of the Presidency Council, Fayeze Sarraj, has met with HoR members in Tunis.
- Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar travelled to Cairo amidst speculations of another engagement with Sarraj. However, a second meeting did not materialize.
- During a military parade commemorating the third Anniversary of Operation Dignity, Haftar stated "we will not leave Tripoli in the hands of terrorist and criminals".
- Spain has appointed Francisco de Miguel as its new ambassador to Libya.

Security

- Third Force (also known as 13 Bn) has attacked Brak Airbase, currently occupied by the LNA's 12th Brigade. Casualties are thought to be high and the situation has the potential to escalate.
- Explosions targeting a pro-GNA militia occurred in An Nasr Forest Tripoli.
- LNA continues operations in Sabri and Suq Al-Hout. Most casualties are now due to defensive IED's, landmines and sniper fire.
- A controversial LNA Special Forces commander has publicly resigned amidst accusations of murder. However, the Commander of the LNA Special Forces has refused to accept the resignation.
- Two reports have indicated the presence of IS fighters manning CPs and intercepting vehicles in the area of Abu Grain, between Sirte and Misrata.

KEY DATES

Date	Occasion	Comment
26-28 May 2017	Start of Ramadan	
11 June 2017	Anniversary of the Zawiyah second uprising	
25 – 27 June 2017	Eid al-Fitr	End of Ramadan
20 August 2017	Anniversary of the Liberation of Tripoli	
01 – 03 September 2017	Eid al Adha	Feast of Sacrifice
16 September 2017	Martyrs Day	
22 September 2017	Hijri New Year	
23 October 2017	Liberation Day	National holiday

THREAT MATRIX

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

Threat Scale: Minimal (Yellow), Low (Orange), Moderate (Red-Orange), High (Red), Extreme (Dark Red)

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Governance

East/West political progress

The reporting period has seen a number of steps forward and backwards for the peace talks between the GNA and the HoR/LNA. A number of meetings suggested progress but cracks began to appear when Sarraj apparently snubbed a second meeting with Haftar in Cairo. Talks have taken a further step backwards following an attack against LNA affiliated 12 Bde at Brak Airbase (see report below) breaching an earlier ceasefire, which had been agreed by Sarraj and Haftar during their first meeting in Abu Dhabi. The situation may have been diffused slightly after the GNA Defense Minister and the Commander of Third Force were suspended by the PC pending further investigations. However, retaliations are likely and peace talks now appear to be facing challenges.

Security

Third Force launches attack against Brak Airbase

At approx. 0800hrs on May 18, Third Force, supported by the Benghazi Defence Brigades (BDB), launched a surprise attack against the LNA affiliated 12 Bde at Brak Al-Shatti Airbase. It appears that Third Force took control of the airbase for around 2-3 hours. Likely fearing a counter attack, the group then abandoned the airbase. Atrocities and extremely high fatalities have been alleged (claims of around 141 killed). Photographs have been circulated on social media apparently showing LNA soldiers apparently executed after Third Force

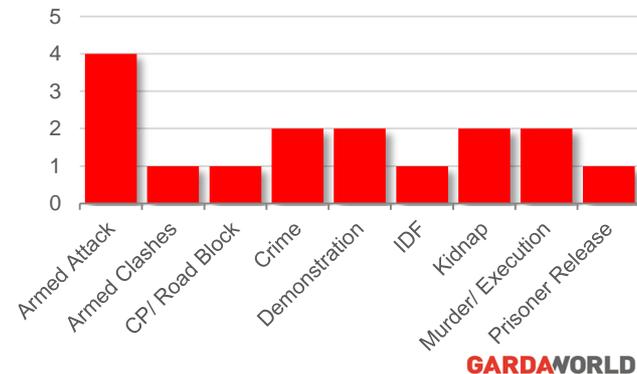
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had stormed the base. Retaliations from the LNA against Third Force and BDB fighters in the Southern area are now almost certain.

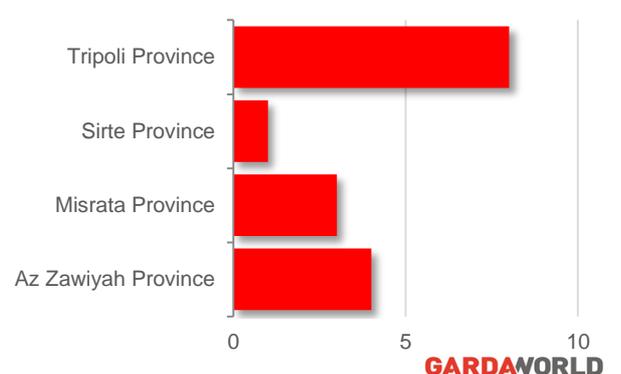
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Tripolitania

Incidents by type, 11 - 17 May



Incidents by district, 11 - 17 May

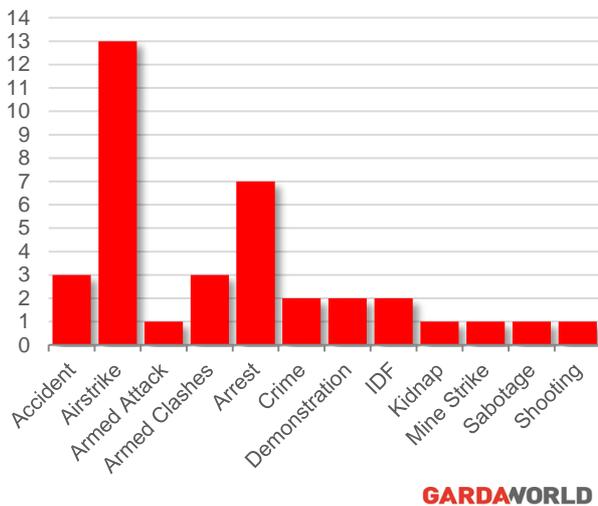


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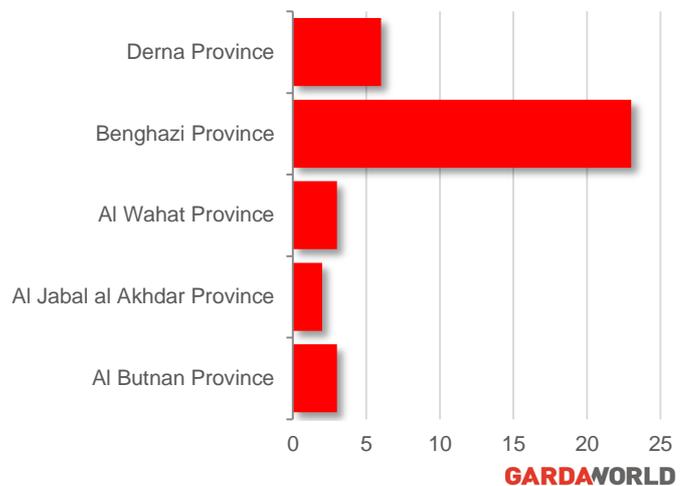
- Kidnap - 11 May 17, afternoon, Tripoli Province, Hadba Al Khadra: Tripoli University's deputy head of financial and administrative affairs, Dr Said Mayouf, was kidnapped after leaving the university. Mayouf was released four days later following strikes and protests at the University. No details of his release, including ransom demands have been publicized.
- Sabotage - 12 May 17, 23:30hrs, Tripoli Province, Abu Saleem: Abu Saleem Central Security (Ghneiwa) was targeted in An Nasr Forest with IED devices planted during the evening. One person was killed and two were injured.
- Armed Attack - 15 May 17, Misrata Province, Abu Grain: Reports state that armed men, thought to be members of IS, have intercepted three fuel tankers on the Abu Grain - Jufra road.
- CP/ Road Block - 15 May 17, Misrata Province, Abu Grain: A CP had been erected south of Al Hisha village (Abu Grain). The CP was allegedly manned by IS fighters.
- Armed Attack - 17 May 17, Tripoli Province, Dahra: Following an altercation at the Auditing Bureau HQ, Nawasy Bde militia were deployed to prevent armed incursions into the building.
- Armed Clashes - 17 May 17, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah: Armed clashes broke out at sea between gunmen who are members of human trafficking gangs and Coast Guard Forces.

Cyrenaica

Incidents by type, 11 - 17 May



Incidents by district, 11 - 17 May

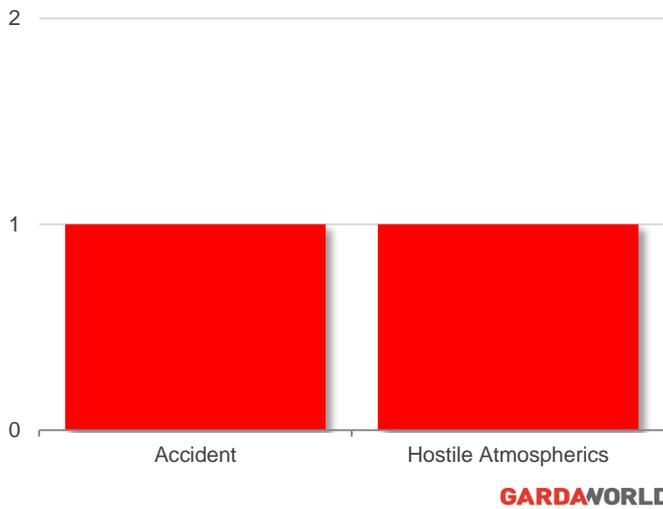


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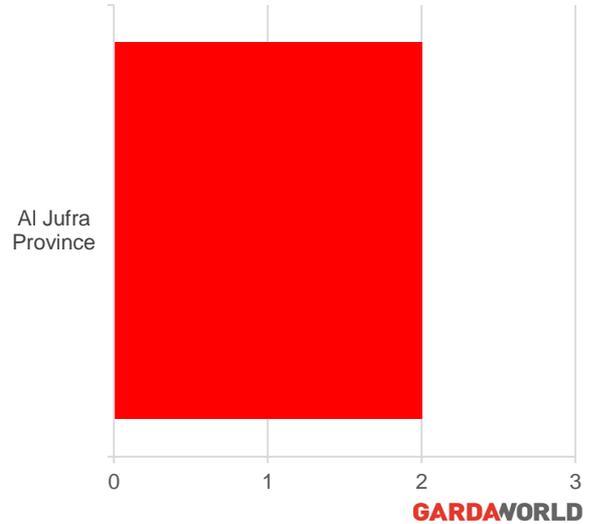
- Airstrike - 12 May 17, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: LNA conducted airstrikes against militants in Sabri and Suq Al-Hout, reportedly targeting a weapons storage area. No casualties were reported.
- Armed Clashes - 13 May 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: Media sources report that four members of the LNA had died in addition to 11 injured during clashes that occurred with RSCB fighters in Sabri.
- Arrest - 13 May 17, 06:00hrs, Derna Province, Derna: LNA Navy has reportedly detained an Italian and a Greek ship. The two ships were detained when the two ships "penetrated the restricted area stretching from the coast of Al Heniya to Ras Al Hilal off the coast of Derna".
- Armed Attack - 14 May 17, Benghazi Province, Birkah: An armed group alleged to be members of LNA Special Forces have attacked Al Barka police station, killing the station's deputy commander. The attack is thought to be an attempt to free a detainee.
- Armed Clashes - 14 May 17, Benghazi Province, Suq al Hout: Operations have continued in Suq Al Hout resulting in five killed and eight injured.
- IDF - 16 May 17, Benghazi Province, Suq al-Hout and Sabri: LNA forces have shelled a number of RSCB positions with heavy artillery, tank fire and airstrikes in an effort to remove sniper positions.
- Armed Clashes - 17 May 17, Benghazi Province, Suq al Hout: An LNA boat active off the shores of Suq Al-Hout has been destroyed due to damages sustained by RSCB fighters.

Fezzan

Incidents by type, 11 - 17 May



Incidents by district, 11 - 17 May



Significant activity

- Hostile Atmospherics - 15 May 17, Al Jufra Province, Sawknah: An armed convoy, made up of 13 vehicles reportedly belonging to Chadian militias, has been sighted near Sawknah.
- Accident - 15 May 17, Al Jufra Province, Hun: Unconfirmed reports state that an ammunitions cache has exploded in a military camp occupied by an armed group named Tagrift Battalion. NFDK
- Armed Clashes - 18 May 17, Wadi al Shatii Province, Brak Al Shati: Reports indicate that clashes broke out around Brak Airbase following an attack by Third Force in addition to BDB elements and Libya Shield Southern Branch on the airbase currently occupied by LNA's 12th Brigade.

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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