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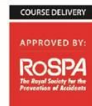
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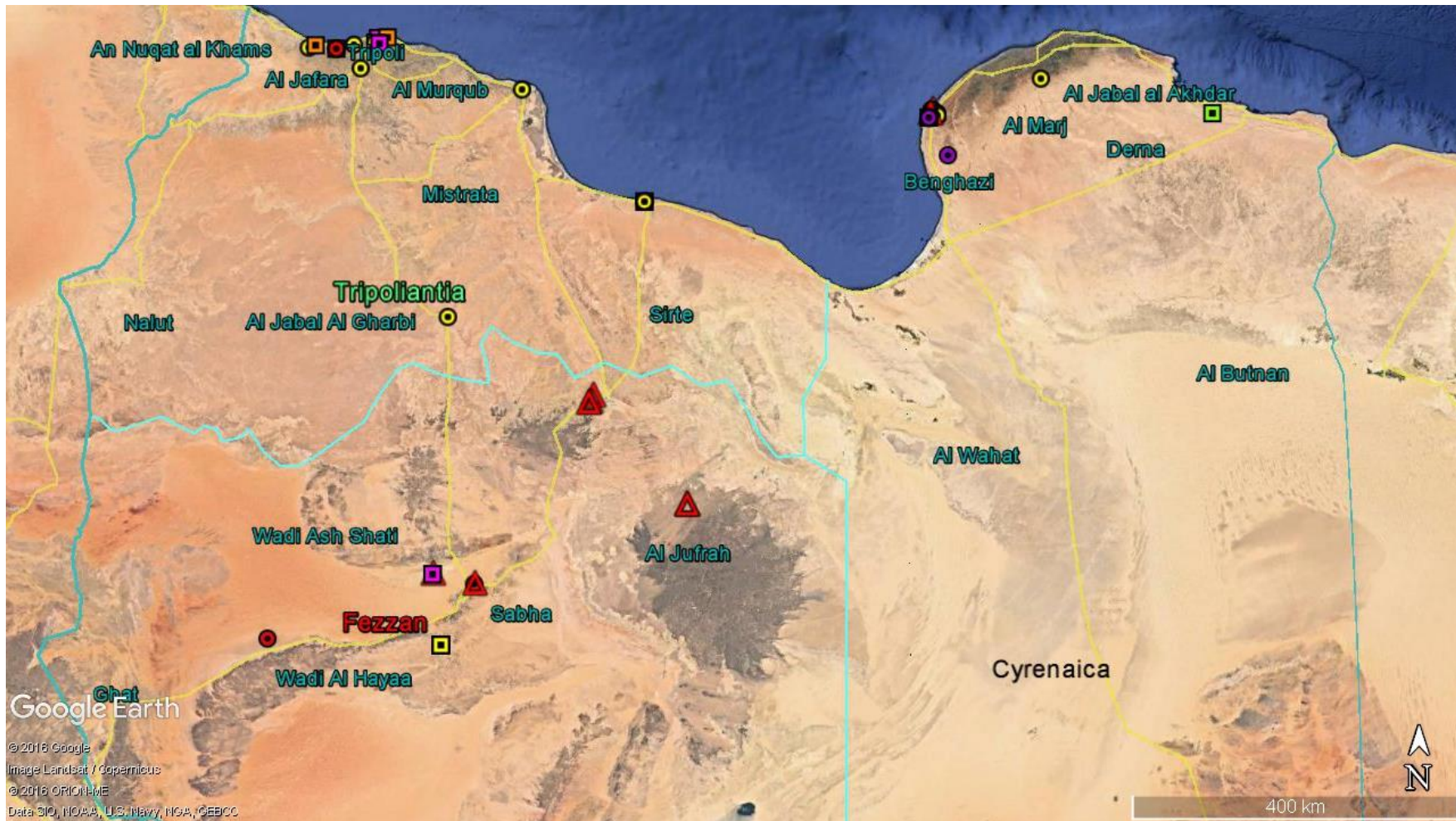
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## OUTLOOK

### Short term outlook

- Tripoli has again erupted into violence as pro-GNC militia launch offensives against pro-GNA groups. Incidents are likely to continue during the coming days until enough pressure can be applied for a ceasefire.
- The LNA is now likely to turn its attention towards BDB camps in Jufra after Third Force departed from key installations in the Southern Region. LNA airstrikes are likely to continue in the Jufra area and ground offensives could follow.
- Historically Ramadan has seen an increase in incidents, often stemming from relatively minor incidents. An increase in clashes and traffic accidents are likely throughout the coming weeks.
- 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.

### 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

- Leader of the GNA PC, Fayez Sarraj attended the Arab Islamic American Summit in Riyadh and met with US President Donald Trump in the sidelines.
- At a press conference involving Sarraj, the U.S. Ambassador to Libya and the AFRICOM Commander, Sarraj announced the GNA's intent to pursue the lifting of a UN arms embargo on Libya.
- Following queues outside Tripoli petrol stations, the government has provided reassurances that there are no fuel shortages.
- The Attorney General has called on Nalut militia to hand over Ibrahim Al Jadran to face trial.
- Due to constant electricity cuts, the General Water Company has warned of possible water cuts in Tripoli.

### Security

- Pro-GNC militia has launched an offensive into Tripoli aimed at re-taking strategic locations in the city. At time of writing, the clashes are ongoing and over 20 fatalities are reported.
- There has been significant fallout from an attack on Brak Airbase from Third Force. Reports claim over 140 people were killed including civilians. Many were executed after capture. The incident has been condemned internationally and the GNA Defense Minister has been suspended pending a full investigation.
- Third Force has withdrawn from key locations in Southern Libya including Tamanhint Airbase and El Sharara oilfield. The LNA is now moving in to take control of these locations giving them influence over the majority of southern Libya.
- The leader of the Awariq tribe was killed in a VBIED attack in Suluq, south of Benghazi. At the same time another member of the tribe and HoR member was shot and injured in Benghazi.
- The brother and father of Sulaiman Abedi, the Manchester bomber, have been detained in Tripoli by members of the Rada Special Deterrence Force militia.

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**Oil and Gas**

- Libyan oil production back at 788 thousand bpd after a dip in production due to electricity problems at oil fields.

**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



**LATEST DEVELOPMENTS**

**Governance**

**GNA improves relations internationally but struggles at home**

It has been another turbulent week in politics for the GNA, following the attack on the LNA held Brak Airbase from GNA affiliated Third Force. In an attempt to distance themselves from the incident, the GNA's PC denied any involvement and promptly suspended the Defense Minister.

Despite these issues, the leader of the GNA's PC Fayez al-Sarraj continues to garner international support. During a press conference after meetings with US delegates in Tripoli, Sarraj outlined plans to submit a dossier to the UN Security Council in a bid to lift the arms embargo on Libya. Sarraj will be visiting the White House for further meetings with the US President in June.





## Security

### Deterioration of security in Southern Libya

At the end of last week, an attack from the Misratan Third Force against LNA held Brak Airbase resulted in international condemnation and shock across the region, after it emerged that many of the fatalities, which included civilian workers, had occurred by execution after capture. The LNA has responded with airstrikes and offensives against the BDB and Third Force. Third force has now retreated from the area, leaving Tamanhint Airbase and El Sharara Oilfield to the LNA.

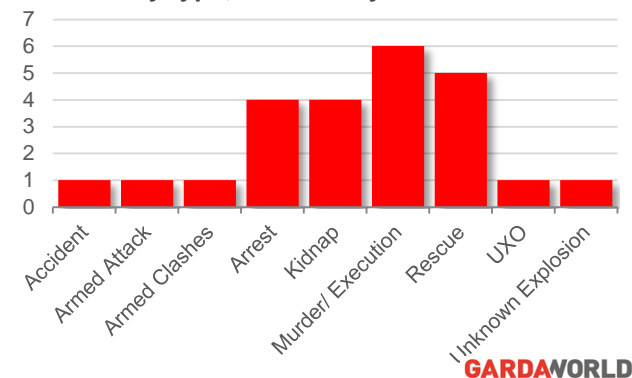
### Manchester bomber's family links in Tripoli

Libya has come under increasing scrutiny this week from international media, after it emerged that Salman Abedi, the suicide bomber who killed 22 people at Manchester Arena earlier this week, was of Libyan origin, had family living in Tripoli, and had visited Libya himself prior to the attack. Following the reports, two arrests were made in Tripoli by Rada Special Deterrence Force militia; Abedi's brother and father.

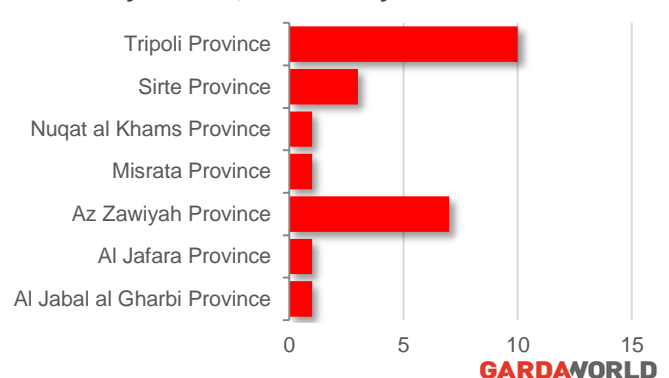
## WEEKLY OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

### Tripolitania

Incidents by type, 18 - 24 May



Incidents by district, 18 - 24 May

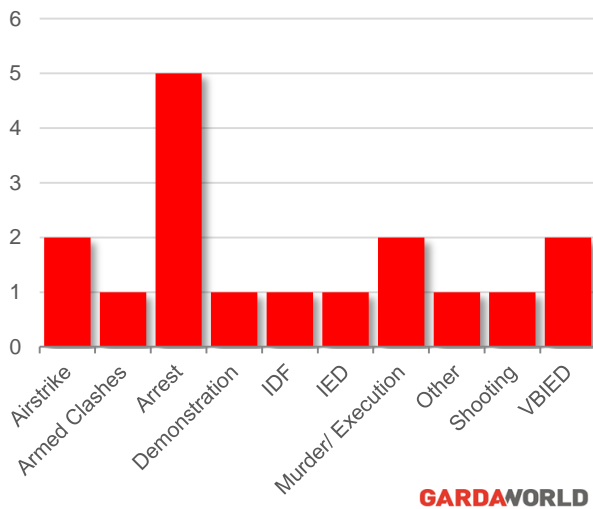


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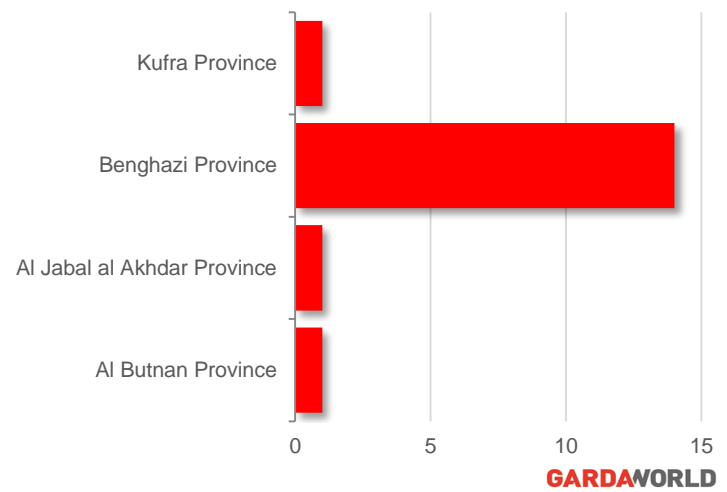
- UXO - 21 May 17, Sirte Province, Sirte: A scud missile and around 155 smaller rockets were found near gas lines around the Sawawa area of Sirte.
- Unknown Explosion - 22 May 17, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah: A car explosion occurred in Omar Mukhtar Street in Zawiyah by either RPG or IED detonation. No casualties were reported.
- Armed Attack - 23 May 17, Tripoli Province, Salahaddin: Reports indicate that an armed attack occurred on a prisoner transport vehicle of Hadba Police Station that was transporting three Misratan militia prisoners. After shooting at prison officers, attackers freed the prisoners.
- Arrest - 24 May 17, Tripoli Province, Tripoli: The Special Deterrence Force has reported through its social media page that they have arrested Hashem al-Abedi, brother of the suspected Manchester Arena bomber Salman Abedi. Hashem al-Abedi reportedly admitted IS connections and was aware of his brother's attack.
- Arrest - 24 May 17, Tripoli Province, Tripoli: Spokesperson for the Anti-Terrorism Force, Ahmed Ben Salem has reported the arrest of Ramadan al-Abedi, father of suspected Manchester Arena bomber.

**Cyrenaica**

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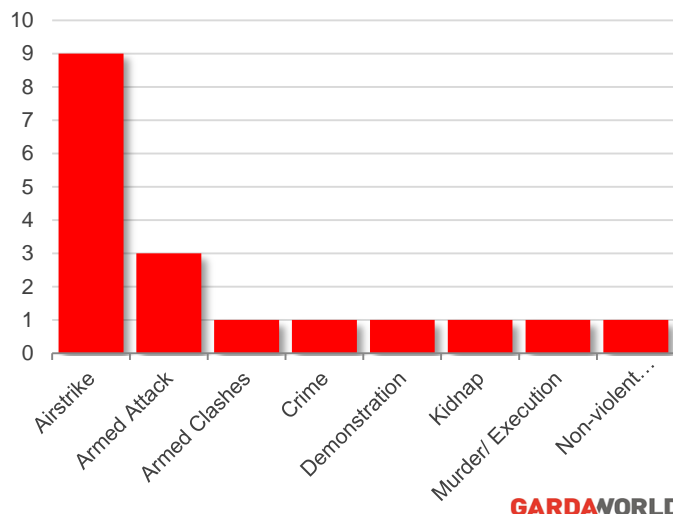


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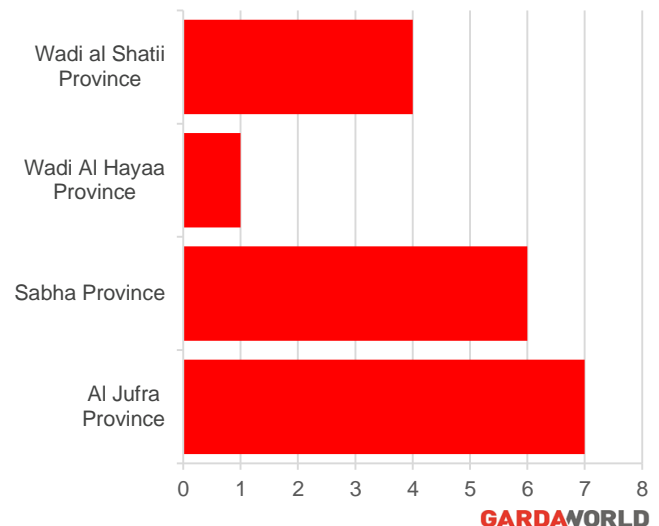
- VBIED - 19 May 17, Benghazi Province, Suluq: A VBIED detonated near Bilal bin Rabah Mosque after Friday prayers, targeting Awariq tribal leader Braik al-Lawati. Four people including al-Lawati and his son were killed in the blast and 15 others were injured.
- Shooting - 19 May 17, Benghazi Province, Buatni: A HoR member from Benghazi, Badr Musa al-Nahib Alaguri was shot as he leaving a Mosque for Friday prayers. He sustained minor injuries.
- VBIED - 20 May 17, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: Members of the Bomb Disposal Squad of the Engineering Corps of the LNA have diffused around 50Kg of explosives planted on a vehicle that was parked next to a Mall in Benghazi.
- IDF - 20 May 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: LNA 298 Tank Battalion has shelled RSCB positions in Sabri, effectively providing cover for LNA Special Forces members to advance further in the area.
- Armed Clashes - 20 May 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: LNA Navy have targeted and destroyed a boat attempting to flee the blockaded Sabri area by sea. An unknown number of militants were killed.
- Armed Attack - 25 May 17, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: An altercation broke out between several locals, one of whom threw a grenade at the other group. Two people were killed and nine more were injured.

**Fezzan**

Incidents by type, 18 - 24 May



Incidents by district, 18 - 24 May



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**Significant activity**

- Airstrike - 19 May 17, Al Jufra Province, Al Jufra Airbase: The LNA Air Force conducted three airstrikes on targets at/close to Al-Jufra Airbase.
- Airstrike - 19 May 17, Wadi al Shatii Province, Brak Al Shati: The LNA Air Force conducted airstrikes on locations west of Brak Al Shati targeting suspected locations used by Southern Shield.
- Airstrike - 22 May 17, Al Jufra Province, Hun: LNA jets have targeted a number of positions in Hun targeting allies of BDB forces.
- Armed Attack - 22 May 17, Sabha Province, Sabha: LNA Spokesman has said that LNA units have stormed and taken control of Al Buseify Military Camp in Al Mahdia area that was used by National Guard Forces. Three militants were arrested.
- Non-violent transfer of territory - 25 May 17, Sabha Province, Tamanhint Airport: Sources close to the LNA have reported that the LNA forces are in control of Tamanhint Airbase following the withdrawal of Third Force. No clashes were reported during the withdrawal.
- Non-violent transfer of territory - 24 May 17, Wadi al Hayaa Province, Obari: Local forces have received Al Sharara oilfield from Third Force. Production and operations at the field are ongoing as normal.
- Airstrike - 25 May 17, Al Jufra Province, Al Jufra: LNA jets conducted airstrikes on Third Force members withdrawing from Tamanhint Airbase towards Jufra.





**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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