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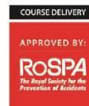


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ACTIVITY MAP



Legend for activity markers:

- Red circle: IED
- Yellow circle: SAF
- Green circle: CPX
- Blue circle: Suicide
- Purple circle: VBIED
- Cyan circle: IDF
- Pink circle: SA Fire
- Grey circle: HG/Mine/RPG
- Pink square: Kidnap
- Green square: Civil Unrest
- Yellow square: Crime
- Orange triangle: Accident
- Blue triangle: Health

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OUTLOOK

Short term outlook

- Talks are ongoing in Zawiyah. The situation remains tense, and further clashes are possible.
- BDB fighters that have moved north from Jufra are likely to be targeted by LNA forces. This could lead to serious escalations and tensions between the LNA and BAM/GNA forces in northern Libya.
- Egypt's Air Force has conducted airstrikes in Derna targeting MSCD groups. Further airstrikes are possible by both Egypt and the LNA in the short term. LNA ground offensives are likely in the longer term.
- 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. LNA offensives in the city appear to be imminent.

Medium to long term outlook

- The plans for Zintani militia and IDPs to return to Tripoli could increase tensions within the city in the coming weeks. Tripoli-based militias have already issued warnings against armed groups returning to the area.
- The political outlook remains unclear in the long term. A series of meetings in early May led to hopes that political breakthroughs might be made. However, clashes in the Southern region between the LNA and GNA aligned troops have set the process back. It remains hopeful Fayeze al-Sarraj's visit to the White House later this month might provide some motivation to achieve progress before the visit.
- The LNA now controls much of the east, south and central region. The addition of Jufra Airbase to the LNA's growing list of assets provides a significant increase in reach for the group. As BDB forces move north towards Bani Waleed, Sirte and Misrata it is likely that LNA strikes will follow, with the LNA potentially trying to take control of territory around Bani Waleed in the future.
- 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

Security

- The LNA has launched a major offensive against the BDB in Fezzan region, taking control of Jufra Airbase. The group now threatens to continue towards Bani Waleed, South West of Misrata.
- Zawiyah clashes have resulted in seven deaths and an undisclosed number of injuries. Currently, the city is calm, while elders and residents of the city try to implement a truce between the two conflicting militias.
- IS militants have been reported active in the area of Sabratah.

Governance

- The PC has announced the formation of seven military zones throughout Libya. The LNA and HoR have opposed the decree.
- The Libyan Foreign Minister from the Tobruk government has said that in solidarity with neighboring countries, Libya will cut diplomatic ties with the State of Qatar. The HOR also plans to lodge complaints against Qatar at the UN Security Council and the Gulf Cooperation Council.
- Egypt, Algeria, and Tunisia have completed two days of meetings on Libya. A statement from the three countries calls for a political solution to the Libya problem under the framework of the LPA.
- The head of UNSMIL, Martin Kobler delivered a briefing to the UN Security Council on June 07.
- The High National Elections Commission has opened 219 centers in preparation for 2018 elections.
- The Misratan Municipal Council has warned the BDB that it must disarm and hand over its leader or face reprisals. It has also warned the LNA against clashes in the Misrata region.

Oil and gas

- Protestors have closed down the Sharara Oilfield near Obari after a worker drowned at the site.

KEY DATES

Date	Occasion	Comment
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

Low

Moderate

High

Extreme

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Security

LNA take control of Al-Jufra Region

During the past week, the LNA has significantly increased its capability and reach in Libya by taking control of the country's biggest airbase. The capture of the site followed a large attack against LNA forces at Brak Airbase, from Third Force supported by BDB forces, which breached a ceasefire and resulted in the execution of LNA soldiers and civilians at the site after capture. This incident provided the LNA with the moral high ground and acted as a catalyst for the LNA to respond in force with a determined offensive. Consequently the LNA moved north, taking control of Jufra Airbase. The LNA now threatens to continue pursuing fleeing militants towards Bani Waleed.

Clashes in Zawiyah and IS activity in Sabratah

The threat in western Libya appears to have increased during recent weeks following reports of small groups of IS fighters active in Sabratah and militia clashes 35km to the east of that location in Zawiyah. Although incidents have so far been isolated, there could be indications of growing instability in Western Libyan, less than 100km from the capital.

Governance

Kobler briefs UNSC

International pressure continues to be exerted on the various governments of Libya this week. A tripartite meeting occurred between Egypt, Algeria, and Tunisia, ended in a declaration of support for the political process, while the head of UNSMIL provided the UN Security Council with a review of progress made over the



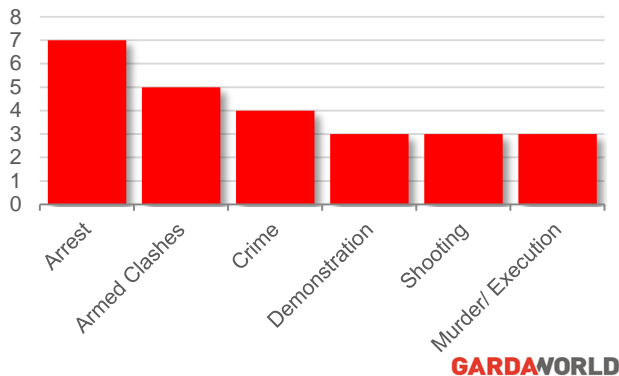
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last six months. It is hoped that the continued pressure and support will result in further meetings and perhaps some agreements between the leaders of East and West Libya.

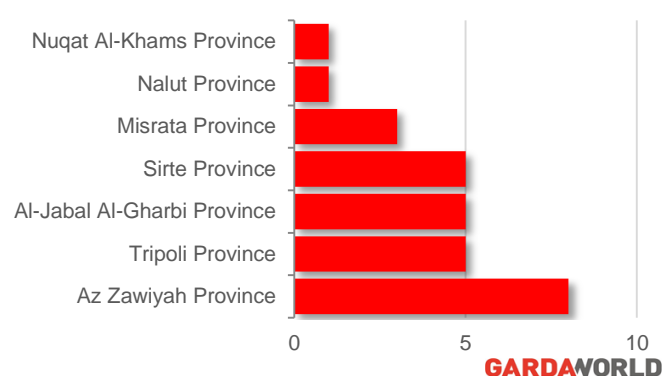
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Tripolitania

Incidents by type, 01 - 07 June



Incidents by district, 01 - 07 June

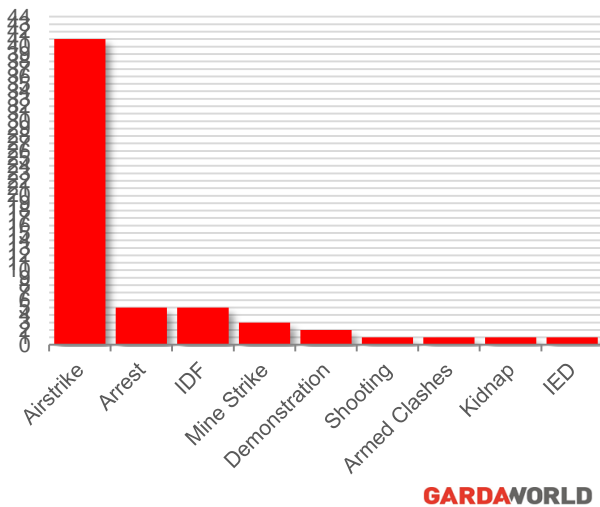


Significant activity

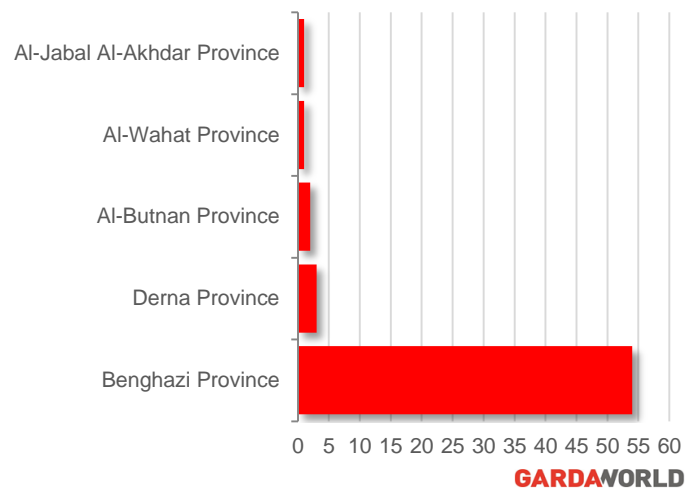
- Armed Clashes - 01 Jun 17, evening, Sirte Province, Sirte: A BAM spokesman stated that LNA troops had attacked a CP 17km east of Sirte.
- Shooting - 01 Jun 17, evening, Misrata Province, Bani Waled: Suspected IS militants attacked civilians near Bani Waleed; two people were killed and two people were injured.
- Murder/ Execution - 03 Jun 17, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah: Unknown assailants killed two members of the militia group during a drive-by shooting.
- Armed Clashes - 03 Jun 17, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah: Armed clashes broke out in Zawiyah between opposing militias. Clashes continued into the early morning of June 4. The group's leader was killed during the clashes.
- Armed Clashes - 05 Jun 17, Tripoli Province, Tripoli: Unconfirmed reports state that an unnamed militant group opened fire on a GNA CP.
- Armed Clashes - 05 Jun 17, Misrata Province, Misrata: An armed group, comprising of four vehicles attacked a court in Misrata in an attempt to free prisoners. No further details known.
- Arrest - 06 Jun 17, Tripoli Province, Garabuli: The Anti-Immigration unit arrested 35 migrants near the shore of Garabuli. The migrants were found in a refrigerated truck. Seven migrants were found dead due to asphyxiation.
- Shooting - 07 Jun 17, Misrata Province, Misrata: Security sources from Misrata have reported that a known RSCB member was shot at while driving through the city.
- Murder/ Execution - 07 Jun 17, Az Zawiyah Province, Sabratah: Following an earlier clash, smugglers (alleged to be IS militants) then attacked the clinic where the injured were being treated and executed them.

Cyrenaica

Incidents by type, 01 - 07 June



Incidents by district, 01 - 07 June



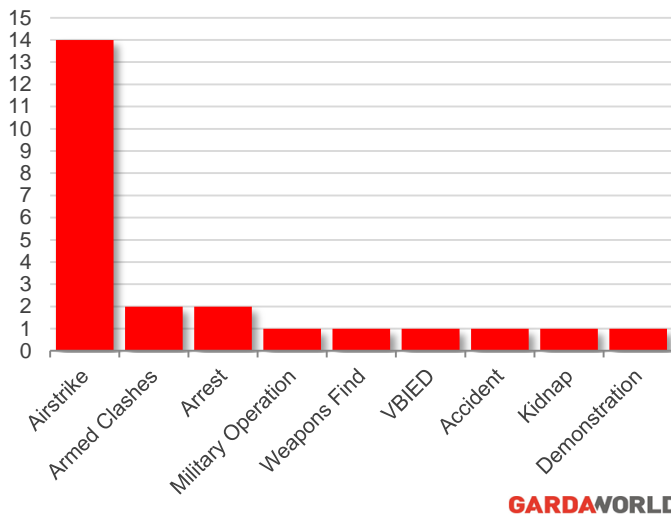
Significant activity

- Armed Clashes - 02 Jun 17, Derna Province, Daher Al-Hamer: LNA attacked MSCD positions near Derna; ten MSCD and 2 LNA fighters were killed.
- Airstrike - 03 Jun 17, Benghazi Province, Suq Al-Hout: Spokesperson for the LNA has reported that LNA jets have conducted ten airstrikes on various RSCB positions.
- Armed Attack - 03 Jun 17, Benghazi Province, Al-Fuwayhat: Reports indicate that unidentified gunmen attacked the al-Fuwayhat police station and released an unknown number of prisoners. No casualties were reported.
- Airstrike - 04 Jun 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri and Suq Al-Hout: LNA jets have conducted airstrikes against RSCB positions.
- IDF - 05 Jun 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: The LNA spokesman has stated that three RSCB fighters were killed by LNA shelling at Al-Nouran Hotel in Sabri.
- Airstrike - 05 Jun 17, morning, Benghazi Province, Sabri and Suq Al-Hout: LNA Spokesperson has reported that LNA jets have conducted airstrikes against RSCB positions.
- Airstrike - 06 Jun 17, Benghazi Province, Suq Al-Hout: LNA conducted airstrikes against militants in Suq Al-Hout.
- Other - 06 Jun 17, Benghazi Province, Suq Al-Hout: RSCB forces destroyed buildings to block roads and prevent LNA advances.
- IDF - 07 Jun 17, morning, Benghazi Province, Sabri and Suq Al-Hout: LNA launched an artillery strike.

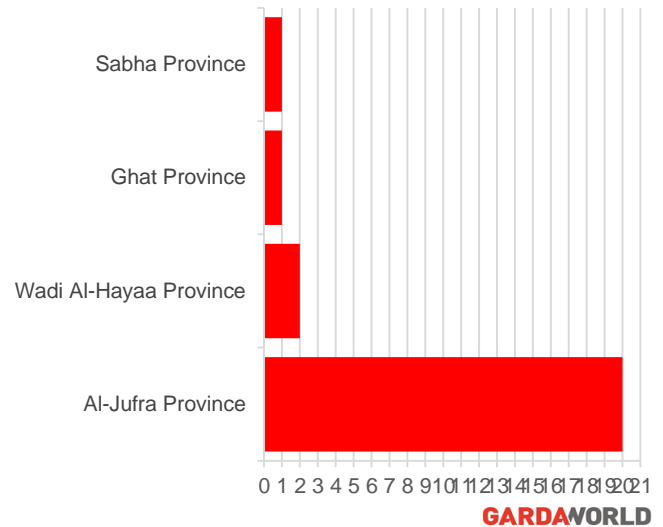
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Fezzan

Incidents by type, 01 - 07 June



Incidents by district, 01 - 07 June



Significant activity

- Armed Clashes - 02 Jun 17, Al-Jufra Province, Waddan: LNA forces attacked a BDB convoy, which was retreating towards Jufra Airbase. Seven LNA and five BDB fighters were killed.
- Armed Clashes - 02 Jun 17, afternoon, Al-Jufra Province, Waddan: BDB fighters clashed with pro-LNA forces in Waddan.
- Airstrike - 02 Jun 17, morning, Al-Jufra Province, Hun: An estimated ten airstrikes struck targets in the Hun area.
- Airstrike - 02 Jun 17, morning, Al-Jufra Province, Sawknah: An estimated four airstrikes struck targets in Sawknah and Jufra area
- Kidnap - 04 Jun 17, 01:00, Ghat Province, Tahala: Six armed men kidnaped a member of Ghat Municipal Council and his wife on Sunday night near Tahala village. The pair was later released after their vehicle, which was taken by the gang, was reported to be delivered to the group in Obari.
- VBIED - 06 Jun 17, morning, Al-Jufra Province, Sawknah: A VBIED targeted LNA troops but caused no casualties. The LNA claims that other VBIEDs, armored vehicles, and weapons were discovered in a nearby base.
- Arrest - 07 Jun 17, Sabha Province, Sabha: Security sources in Sabha state that 116 Bn has arrested a member of the IS named Masoud Tarhuny a.k.a. Abu Aweis al-Libi.
- Accident - 07 Jun 17, Wadi Al-Hayaa Province, Al-Sharara Oilfield: Sources from the Al-Sharara oil field have reported the death of an employee who drowned at the Al-Sharara compound pool.
- Demonstration - 07 Jun 17, Wadi Al-Hayaa Province, Al-Sharara Oilfield: Employees at the oilfield have gone on strike effectively shutting down oil production. The employees went on strike due to the delay in the arrival of medical units for one of their colleagues (details above).

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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