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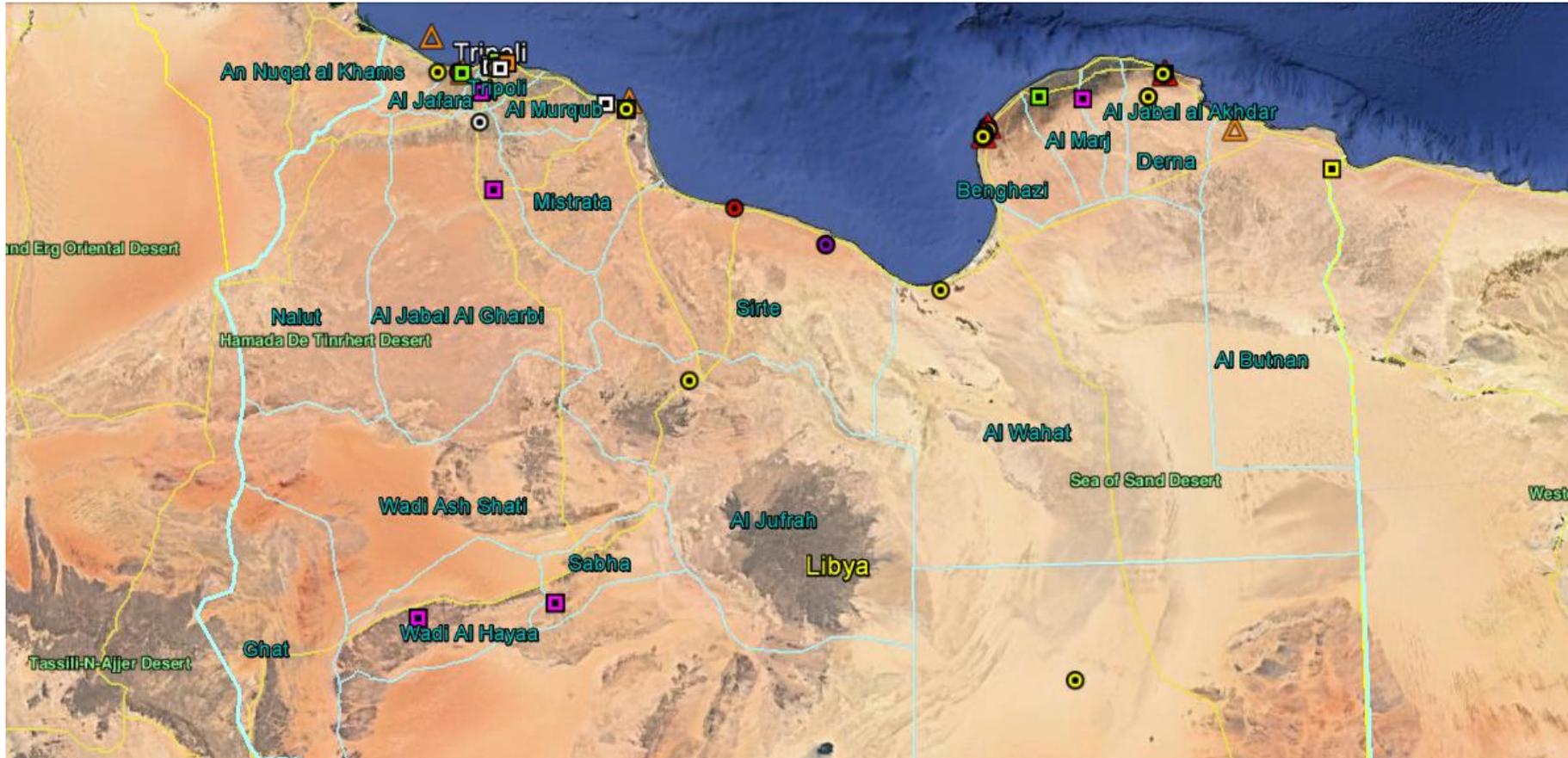
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ACTIVITY MAP



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OUTLOOK

Short term outlook

- The ceasefire agreement in Tripoli is extremely fragile and armed clashes could easily reignite and escalate quickly. Fighting is now expected to focus on the outer areas of the city. However, groups could come into the city to mount attacks against key installations.
- Following the LNA's recent success in the Oil Crescent, the LNA has now set their sights on strategically important locations in the Southern Region. The LNA assert that they are now on the brink of controlling Tamanhint airbase, with Jufra airbase being the next likely priority. As a military council in Misrata gains strength, a more hardline approach to LNA movements could result in clashes between the two groups.
- RSCB forces in Benghazi may conduct small terrorist style attacks in an attempt to prove that they are still present in the Benghazi area. In Derna attempted breakouts and small attacks are possible by groups attempting to deflect LNA attention from other areas.

Medium to long term outlook

- Recent clashes in Tripoli have led to increased uncertainty in the capital. Pro-GNC, mainly Misratan groups have been pushed south of the capital. This has changed the security dynamics in Tripoli. The situation is fluid and it will take some time for the dust to settle before the long term effect on Tripoli can be clearly assessed. Misratan groups may hope to reaffirm their position in Tripoli by reinforcing and mounting counter attacks.
- Clashes in the Oil Crescent are becoming increasingly polarizing in Libya, forcing stakeholders to take a side. The situation has the potential to escalate in the longer term if other groups become involved.
- The divide between the GNA PC in the west and the HoR in the east is growing. The LPA is almost beyond repair in its current form. International pressure is now required to return the eastern HoR to the negotiations. Breakthroughs are unlikely in the coming months.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Governance

- Following a demonstration in Tripoli on March 17, statements have indicated intent for the LNA to intervene in Tripoli. These threats are not new but cannot be completely discounted in the long term.
- Misratan groups have demanded an apology for 'hate speech' during the protest in Tripoli and Misratan protestors blocked the Coastal Highway in Ad Dafiniyah for three days this week.
- An armed group protested at the GNA HQ demanding condemnation of pro-LNA slogans at a recent protest in Tripoli. The GNA acceded to the demands and made a public statement condemning the slogans.
- The head of UNSMIL, Martin Kobler, has warned of a "dangerous escalation" of violence in Libya and called for stakeholders to act now.
- A new 'quartet' has been formed to discuss the situation in Libya, involving the Arab League, African Union, United Nations and European Union.
- New travel regulations will prevent people from taking laptops and some other electronic devices onto planes when travelling from Tunisia to the UK.
- Reports in Misrata claim that the Misratan Municipal Council (MMC) has been overthrown and replaced by a military council. The MMC refutes the claim and currently, no significant changes have been seen in the city.
- The Libyan Appeals court has blocked a MoU between Libya and Italy, agreed in early February, pending a full hearing.

Security

- The LNA has announced victory in Benghazi, after a large offensive into the Buildings 12 area. A MiG 21 jet crashed during the offensive.
- LNA troops in Benghazi have exhumed the body of a RSCB commander, parading it through the city. The incident caused countrywide condemnations from the government, MPs and Human Rights groups.

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- The LNA has continued operations in the southern region with advancements in Jufra and towards Tamanhint airbase. Clashes with Misratan Third Force are beginning to occur.
- The Gharyan tribe has reportedly given its backing to the LNA, increasing LNA capabilities in the Eastern Region near Tripoli.
- Part of the Coastal Highway between Tripoli and Zawiyah has reopened. However a roadblock remains in place near the 17km bridge.

KEY DATES

Date	Occasion	Comment
01 May 2017	Labour Day	National holiday
11 June 2017	Anniversary of the Zawia 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 ul Adha	Feast of Sacrifice
16 September 2017	Martyrs Day	
22 September 2017	Hijri New Year	
23 October 2017	Liberation Day	National holiday
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

Protest in Tripoli results in LNA and Misratan threats

High levels of tensions during recent weeks have led to angry protests with political ramifications both in Tripoli and Misrata. Following heavy clashes, in the city (March 14-16) a large demonstration was held in Martyrs' Square, with several hundred people in attendance. As tempers flared and small clashes occurred, an armed group deployed to the protest and began firing into the air to disperse the crowd. A statement from the Presidency Council (PC) which defended the protestors' right to free speech caused a huge backlash and several groups demanded apologies for the "hate speech". After an armed group protested at the GNA HQ, the PC did condemn the slogans used by protestors.

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Appeals court blocks Libya-Italy MoU

On March 22, Tripoli Appeals Court’s administrative division ruled to block the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Libya and Italy in early February 2017. The MoU was signed to tackle the growing difficulties with illegal immigration and human trafficking in Libya. The court ruling stated that the agreement would be blocked immediately until a full hearing can be set.

Protestors claim overthrow of Misratan Council

Throughout the reporting period there have been concerns of growing political instability in Misrata. On March 20, armed protestors allegedly broke into a local radio station in Misrata and broadcast a message claiming that they had overthrown the Misratan Municipal Council (MMC). They claimed that a committee would be formed to replace the council. The MMC responded through their social media pages, providing reassurance that the council is functioning normally and calling for readers to disregard the views of the protestors.

Security

LNA focus operations in Fezzan Region amidst accusations of war crimes

On March 18, the LNA announced that they have successfully taken control of the Ganfouda area, destroying RSCB forces in the process. The huge offensive was not without losses for the LNA; in addition to fatalities on the ground a MiG-21 jet was destroyed in a crash during the operation, with the pilot ejecting to safety.

Coastal Highway update (Tripoli – Zawiyah)

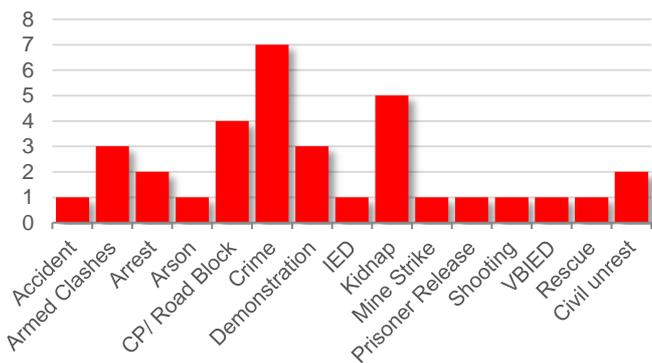
The Coastal Highway, between Zawiyah to Sayad reportedly reopened on March 22. However, the route is still blocked near the 17km bridge. Talks are ongoing with the eventual intent of completely reopening the coastal highway from Tripoli to the border with Tunisia.

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Tripolitania

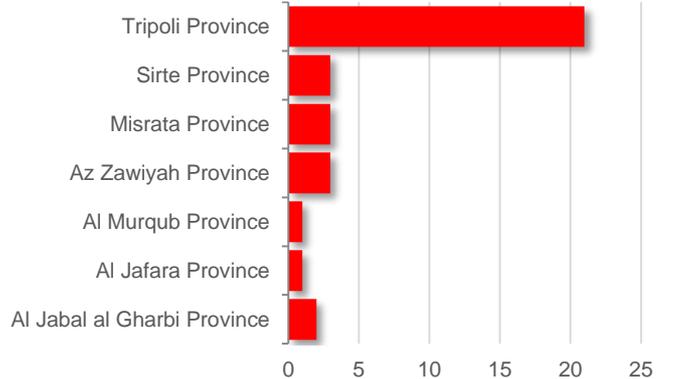
Incidents

Incidents by type, 16 - 22 Mar



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Incidents by district, 16 - 22 Mar



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Significant activity

- Armed Clashes - 16 Mar 17, 18:00, Tripoli Province, Tripoli: TRB attacked Hadba Prison, associated with Khaled Shariff. Approx. seven guards were killed. The attack was eventually repelled.
- Accident - 16 Mar 17, Misrata, offshore: A Turkish cargo vessel, the Tinaz Tepe, sank during bad weather off the coast of Misrata. Seven of the crew were rescued, three bodies were recovered and several more remain missing.

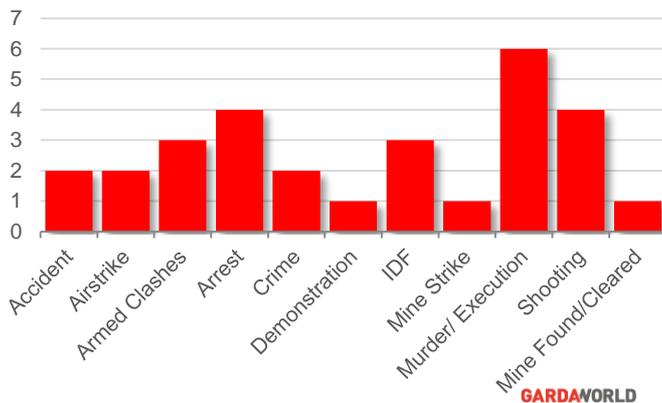
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- Arson - 17 Mar 17, evening, Tripoli Province, Tripoli: Criminals allegedly burned café Aurora near Algeria Square for reasons unknown.
- Demonstration - 17 Mar 17, Tripoli Province, Martyrs' Square: Several hundred protestors held a rally in Martyrs' Square Tripoli, demanding armed groups leave Tripoli. Also present at the protest were pro and anti-LNA groups.
- Shooting - 17 Mar 17, 18:00, Tripoli Province, Martyrs' Square: Armed groups opened fire at a demonstration in Martyrs' Square, dispersing the crowd.
- CP/ Road Block - 17 Mar 17, evening, Al Murqub Province, Ad Dafiniyah: Armed groups blocked the Coastal Highway leading from Misrata to Tripoli for around three days.
- Armed Clashes - 18 Mar 17, Misrata Province, Misrata: Armed men stormed the Misratan Municipal Council demanding the resignation of council members. No casualties were reported.
- Armed Clashes - 18 Mar 17, Tripoli Province, Salahaddin: Small clashes occurred in Salahaddin and Khalet Furjan overnight.
- Civil unrest - 19 Mar 17, Tripoli Province, Tripoli: An armed group from Tripoli approached the GNA HQ at Abusitta Naval Base. Shots were fired but the incident did not escalate into an armed clash. The group demanded an apology from the GNA for comments made after a recent protest in Tripoli.
- Demonstration - 21 Mar 17, Misrata Province, Misrata: A protest was held against the Council/Municipality condemning its weak response to events in Benghazi and Tripoli. Protesters called for the overthrow of the local council.

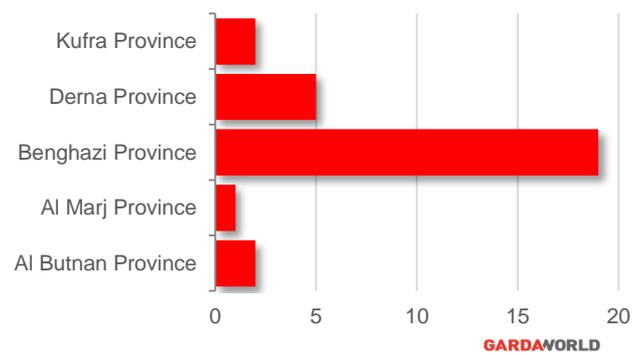
Cyrenaica

Incidents

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Significant activity

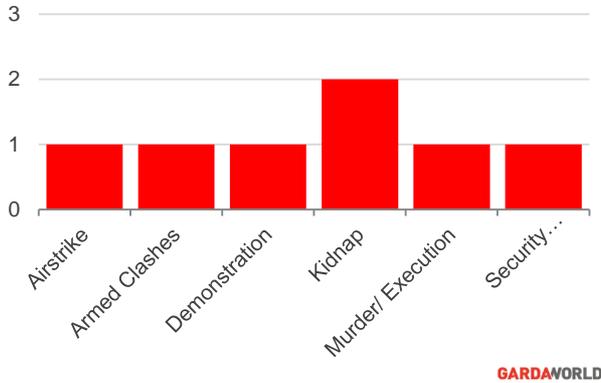
- Armed Clashes - 16 Mar 17, evening, Benghazi Province, Ganfouda: Armed clashes occurred between LNA and RSCB forces in Buildings 12 area.
- IDF - 16 Mar 17, Derna Province, Derna: Artillery strikes occurred in both directions between LNA and MSCD forces.
- Accident - 18 Mar 17, morning, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: A LNA MiG-23 jet crashed in Benghazi during airstrikes marking the 'final offensive into Ganfouda'. The pilot parachuted to safety and nobody was hurt on the ground. It is unclear if the incident was an accident or due to SA Fire.
- Armed Clashes - 18 Mar 17, Benghazi Province, Ganfouda: The LNA launched a large attack against the Buildings 12 area of Ganfouda, allegedly taking complete control of the area.
- Murder/ Execution - 19 Mar 17, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: A video circulated on Libyan social media pages shows a commander of the Special forces of the LNA, executing what appeared to be three POW's.



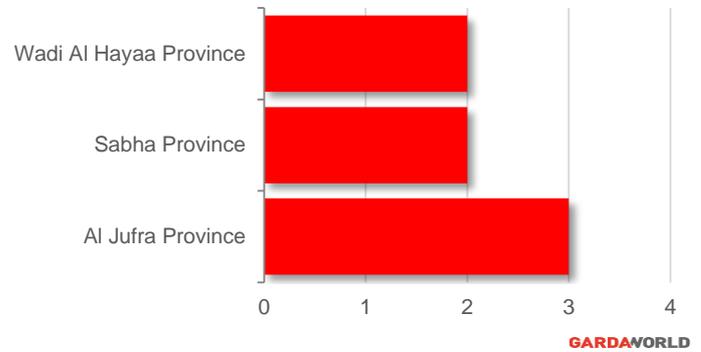
Fezzan

Incidents

Incidents by type, 16 - 22 Mar



Incidents by district, 16 - 22 Mar



Significant activity

- Armed Clashes - 16 Mar 17, Al Jufra Province, Hun: Reporting claims that small LNA groups clashed with BDB fighters near Hun.
- Airstrike - 16 Mar 17, Al Jufra Province, Al Jufra Airbase: The LNA conducted airstrikes against BDB positions.

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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