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ACTIVITY MAP



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EMS/112016/001

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Occupational Health & Safety Management
HSM/112016/001

ISO 18788:2015
Security Operations Management
SOS/072014/001

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Quality Assurance Management
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OUTLOOK

Short term outlook

- Tensions remain in areas of southern Tripoli and further clashes remain possible between GNC and GNA aligned militias.
- LNA are engaged in operations in Sabri and Suq al Hout in Benghazi and have now commenced operations in Derna. Both operations currently rely heavily on air strikes however ground troops are also engaging opposition forces.
- The LNA is also focusing on Taminhint and Jufra Airbase, the latter of which they claim to have surrounded. They have indicated that they are aiming to avoid direct confrontation at Jufra; however the possibility of clashes in the area has increased.

Medium to long term outlook

- 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 in Tripoli will continue to exacerbate the situation.
- The divide between the GNA PC in the west and the HoR in the east is growing. International pressure is now required to encourage the eastern HoR to return to the negotiations. Breakthroughs are unlikely in the coming months.
- IS fighters are regrouping in remote areas of Libya including central, south and southwest regions. Although their capabilities are severely diminished, reducing their ability to control large areas, the group retains the capability to conduct terrorist attacks. Threats towards city locations such as Tripoli cannot be ruled out, but it is considered more likely that the group will target critical national infrastructure in remote areas, such as some of the more isolated oil fields and facilities in the South West.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Governance

- Moscow raises concerns about the situation in Libya, stating there was a growing risk of civil war as NATO and the US raise concerns over Russia's growing involvement in the country.
- Pressure grows on Haftar over the behaviour of some of his forces with calls from the previous US envoy to Libya for an investigation into possible crimes committed by the LNA.
- The NOC is coming under increasing pressure from various factions in Libya. As tensions continue to rise, disputes over the oil and gas sector will likely intensify.
- Misrata Municipal Council has nominated three people to take part in a debate to be held in the city between supporters and opposers of the Municipal Council. The move comes after the Military Council, generally seen as more hardline than the moderate Municipal Council, tried to remove them stating they were involving themselves in issues outside of their remit.
- On 28 March, the Libyan National Movement celebrated the 47th anniversary of the withdrawal of British troops from Libyan territory.
- The Arab Summit has thrown its weight behind the GNA at the expense of the HoR during a meeting in Jordan.

Security

- Protests occurred in Misrata on March 24, with a large group calling for the replacement of the Municipal Council. A smaller group also held a protest in support of the council.
- The US will maintain 'boots on the ground' in Libya in an effort to tackle the remaining threat posed by IS. The US state numbers of IS fighters in the country have dropped from 5/6000 a year ago to less than 200 and that the region is now no longer viewed as a 'back-up plan' for foreign fighters unable to reach Syria and Iraq.
- The coastal road has now fully reopened after a deal was reached with Janzour Knights to remove the block at the 17th Checkpoint. The road will however remain vulnerable to closures from various groups with little to no notice for the foreseeable future.

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- PFG members have cut off a pipeline near Nalut over non-payment of wages. As a result, there is the potential for power cuts to return to the west and south of Libya and production has stopped at Sharara and El Feel.
- Clashes have taken place in Salahuddin, Tripoli as GNC associated militias reportedly retake a compound lost during recent fighting. Tensions remain high and further attempts to retake lost territory are expected.

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 (Yellow), Low (Orange), Moderate (Red-Orange), High (Red), Extreme (Dark Red)

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Governance

Arab Summit in show of support for GNA

GNA President Fayez Serraj attended the Arab Summit this week in Jordan. As well as a number of sideline meetings with leaders from Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Kuwait, Serraj also secured an overt show of support for the GNA. Those present threw their weight behind the UN backed GNA at the expense of the HoR, which until the formation of the GNA, was internationally recognized. The show of support, which included Egypt, a country largely seen as supportive of Field Marshal Haftar, comes as the GNA struggles for survival in Libya. Since being installed in Tripoli in March 2016, the government has seen its support base slowly erode as it fails to provide basic services or gain control over the country's disparate factions. Although there is a growing recognition in the west that, in its current form, the GNA is unlikely to prove successful, it retains international support. Without the

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GNA, the country would essentially fall back to two main factions in a similar scenario which preceded the 2014 civil war. With suggestions that elections could be held next year, the GNA is likely to continue to be propped up by international supporters looking ahead to the next phase of Libya’s political evolution.

NOC: Sanallah under fire from all sides

The Chairman of the Tripoli based National Oil Company (NOC) Mustapha Sanallah has so far managed to remain largely neutral against the fragmented and often chaotic backdrop that is currently Libya. He has managed this partially by being willing to work across the political divide and up until recently, along with LNA support, has had some significant successes.

The gains he has made however are now under threat following the operation earlier this month to retake the oil crescent by the BDB and its allies. The HoR has reacted to the operation, which they saw as being backed by the GNA, by trying to re-assert its Eastern NOC.

Following the BDB invasion of the oil crescent, Sanallah has also come under pressure from the GNA which has sought to strip him of powers he assumed due to the lack of oil minister. Sanallah is fighting back on both fronts; issuing warnings to companies not to strike deals with anyone other than the Tripoli NOC while launching legal challenges to the GNA’s attempt to undermine him.

Security

LNA: Pushes for more expansion against backdrop of war crimes accusations

As indicators build that the LNA is looking towards further expansion, it is coming under increasing pressure over its human rights record. The parading of a dead RSCB commander through the streets of Benghazi after he had been disinterred continues to have repercussions and has negatively impacted on the forces carefully crafted image. The force has also come under scrutiny for other alleged incidents during its battle for Benghazi with calls from some for investigations to be held. A complaint has been filed on behalf of some Benghazi families with the ICC Prosecutor General accusing a number of LNA officers of war crimes. Those named include Haftar, Wanis Bu-Khamadah, Commander of the Special Forces and Captain Mahmud al-Warfili, a senior commander in the Special Forces.

Military operations switch from Ganfouda to Sabri and Suq al Hout in Benghazi

While the issue of Human Rights abuses is unlikely to go away and will provide good ammunition for the LNA’s opponents, it does not appear to be having any effect on LNA tempo of operations. Following the conclusion of hostilities in Ganfouda, the LNA has switched its attention to the Sabri and Suq al Hout areas of the city. This week has seen a series of airstrikes with claims from opposition forces that they have hit civilian homes

The LNA is expected to continue its campaign of attrition from the air in the short term, eliminating opposition fighting positions and reducing movement. Narrow streets are reported to be a hindrance to the deployment of tanks and armoured vehicles which may deter the LNA from conducted a large scale assault and its possible they are happy to focus on containing forces and placing pressure on them by cutting supplies however, ground operations cannot be discounted.

Military operations gather pace in Derna with airstrikes and ground engagements

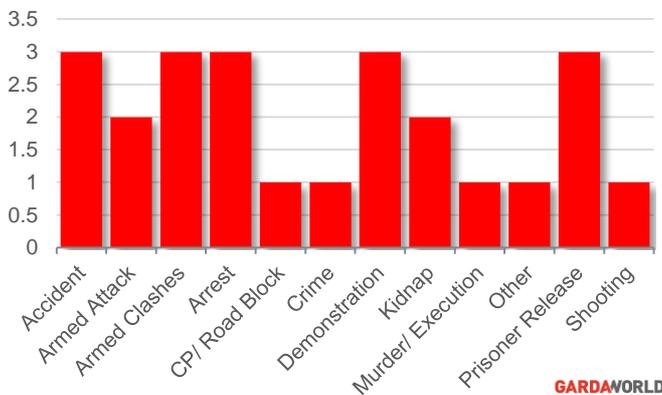
On 23 March, the LNA warned civilians to leave Derna prior to the start of military operations against ‘Islamic extremists’ in the city. The LNA is targeting the Mujahideen Shura Council of Derna (MSCD) and its allies including the Abu Salim Martyrs Brigade (ASMB). Airstrikes have since targeted the south of the city as the LNA attempt to take the Wadi Budahak area in order to facilitate operations into the city. Ground troops have also reportedly engaged with opposition forces in the city with reports of violent clashes between the MSCD and 276 Light Infantry Battalion (LNA).



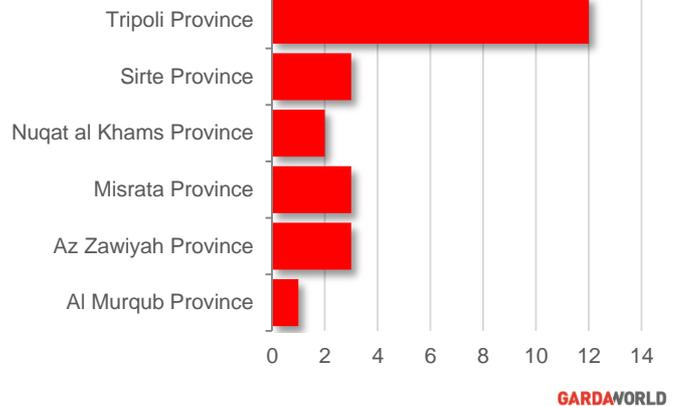
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Tripolitania

Incidents by type, 23 - 29 Mar



Incidents by district, 23 - 29 Mar



Significant activity

- Armed Clashes - 23 Mar 17, Az Zawiyah Province, Zawiyah: Heavy clashes were reported between rival groups in Zawiyah between the afternoon of March 23 and throughout the day on March 24. A member of the Almgharbi family (associated with the Ascora tribe) reportedly tried to kill three men associated with Alhneish. They were injured before killing the man from Almgharbi. The men were taken to Zawiyah hospital where clashes begun. Two of the men were killed.
- Demonstration - 24 Mar 17, Misrata Province, Misrata: Two demonstrations were held in Misrata. The first was calling for the dismissal of the Municipal Council at Martyrs' Hall and involved around 500-700 protestors. This protest included a number of pro-GNC and pro-Mufti supporters. The second event was held at the Municipal Council in support of the council and involving around 200-300 protestors. There were no reports of violence or civil unrest at either event.
- CP/ Road Block - 25 Mar 17, Tripoli Province, Tripoli: The Coastal Highway linking Tripoli with Az Zawiyah has now fully reopened after the Janzour Knights (JK) removed sand barriers at Checkpoint 17. The JK have however refused to take responsibility for any problems along the route outside of their jurisdiction.
- Arrest - 25 Mar 17, Al Murqub Province, Khoms: Unconfirmed reports indicate that Ibrahim Abu Nawara, a leading figure in Ajdabiyas' "Operations room for the liberation of Ajdabiyah and supporting Benghazi's Revolutionaries" (considered to be allied with the BDB), has been arrested by pro-LNA near Al Khoms. Some reports have indicated that it was a group of Madakhilah who captured the fighter and handed him to LNA Ajdabiyah's Operations Room.
- Arrest - 25 Mar 17, Sirte Province, Ras Lanuf: Unconfirmed reports state that there have been multiple arrests in Ras Lanuf, Ajdabiya and As Sidr, targeting members of Al Mgharba tribe, so far the number of arrests have been 121 cases as per the source, locals suspect LNA to be behind this wave of arrests but to date there have been no comments from LNA officials.
- Armed Clashes - 26 Mar 17, Tripoli Province, Salahaddin: Unconfirmed reporting suggests that GNC associated militias retook a camp near Habda prison lost to Ghneiwa Al Kikli during recent fighting in the city.
- Armed Clashes - 27 Mar 17, Tripoli Province, Salahaddin: Reports indicate that further clashes have taken place in the Salahuddin area of the city and may have included an attack against the passport office.
- Armed Attack - 28 Mar 17, Tripoli Province, Tripoli: One police officer was killed, three injured and three kidnapped from the National Commercial Bank security detail, following an attack by unknown criminals on the bank in Al Fallah. The attackers fled the scene and later shot at a police checkpoint at the traffic lights on Airport Road.

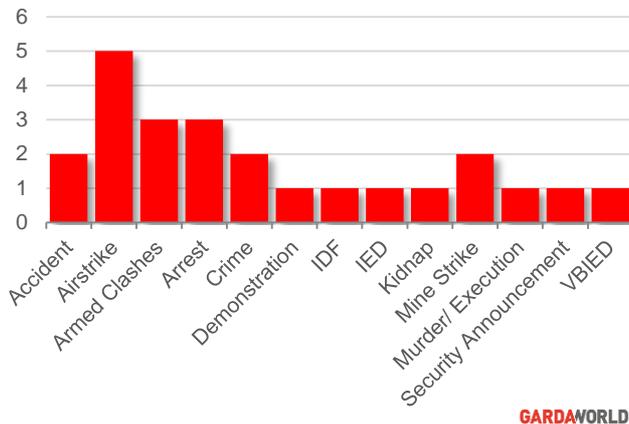


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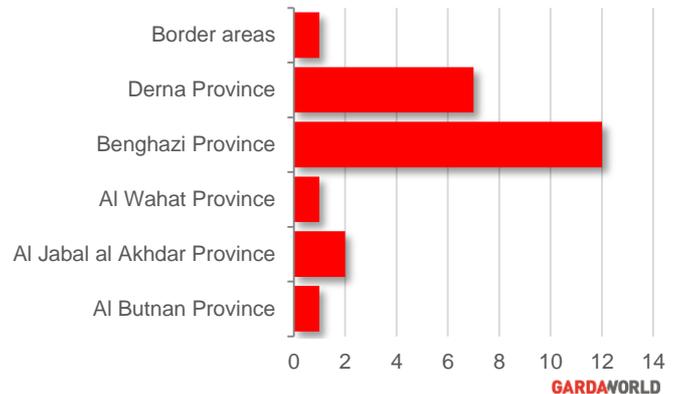
- Armed Attack - 28 Mar 17, Tripoli Province, Hay Andalous: The manager of the Sahari Bank in Hay Al Andalus was reportedly shot in an aparent attack on the bank
- Shooting - 30 Mar 17, Tripoli Province, Ben Ashour: SAF was reported at the Dar al-Ifta Centre in Ben Ashour, Tripoli.

Cyrenaica

Incidents by type, 23 - 29 Mar



Incidents by district, 23 - 29 Mar



Significant activity

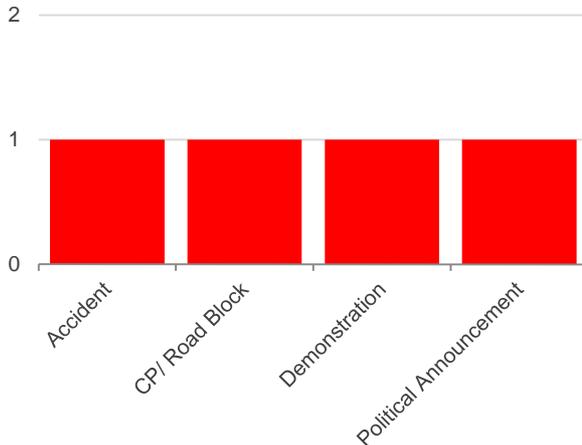
- Security Announcement - 23 Mar 17, Derna Province, Derna: The LNA announced that civilians in Derna should evacuate prior to military operations targeting Islamic extremist groups in the city.
- Airstrike - 24 Mar 17, Benghazi Province, As Sabri: Reports state that the LNA has conducted airstrikes on RSCB positions in As Sabri.
- Airstrike - 25 Mar 17, Derna Province, Derna: LNA conduct airstrikes on the western areas of Derna, in Fattaih district, targeting an ammunition depot. There were no casualties or injuries reported.
- Armed Clashes - 26 Mar 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: Naval Special forces have clashed with members of the RSCB who tried to flee the besieged As Sabri area via boats, it was reported the 3 boats that attempted to flee were sunk.
- Armed Clashes - 27 Mar 17, Derna Province, Daher al Hamer: Armed clashes occurred between the LNA and MSCD in the southern areas of the city resulting in the death of one LNA soldier with a further three wounded.
- IED - 27 Mar 17, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: An LNA explosives expert has died due to an explosion of an IED as he dismantled it.
- Armed Clashes - 27 Mar 17, Derna Province, Daher al Hamer: Armed clashes occurred between the LNA and MSCD in the southern areas of the city resulting in the death of one LNA soldier with a further three wounded. LNA gained control of the Abudahak intersection.
- Mine Strike - 28 Mar 17, Derna Province, Daher al Hamer: Unconfirmed reports state that two LNA soldiers died due to a land mine explosion south of Derna.
- Arrest - 28 Mar 17, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: Reports state that CID members in Benghazi have arrested Abdullah Douma, a photographer for France Press, after covering the controversial "Earth Day" celebration held in Benghazi. Abdullah Douma has since been released.
- Accident - 29 Mar 17, Al Butnan Province, Tobruk: Reports state that the Commander of the Tobruk Airbase, Brigadier Saleh Joda Badri died after his fighter jet crash shortly after take-off. Although some reports have claimed the aircraft was shot down, The LNA has stated that the cause was technical. Three members of the Kahashy family were also reported to have been killed when the plane hit their home.
- VBIED - 29 Mar 17, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: Unconfirmed reports state that members of the bomb squad of the LNA Special Forces have defused a VBIED packed with 37 howitzer and mortar shells. The device was reported to have been left to target the head of Special Forces.
- IDF - 29 Mar 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: LNA conducted IDF attacks against opposition forces in Sabri, Benghazi.

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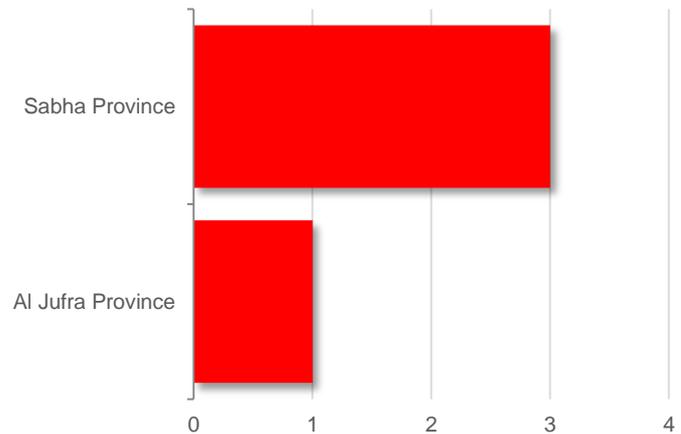
- Demonstration - 31 Mar 17, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: A protest was held in Al Kaysh Square in Benghazi during the morning. Demonstrators were protesting against the recent resolutions proposed by the Arab Summit which met in Jordan. Attendees at the summit stated they would support the GNA over the HoR.

Fezzan

Incidents by type, 23 - 29 Mar



Incidents by district, 23 - 29 Mar



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Significant activity

- Political Announcement - 26 Mar 17, Sabha Province, Sabha: The council of elders of Sebha has released a statement condemning the recent violence around the city's outskirts and Tamanhint Airport and calling on all parties to exercise restraint in the already marginalized south of the country.
- Accident - 26 Mar 17, Sabha Province, Sabha: Three members of the LNA have died due to a traffic accident. The trio died after their 4X4 overturned on a dirt road near the town of Samno, Sebha.
- CP/ Road Block - 27 Mar 17, Al Jufra Province, Sawknah: Unconfirmed reports state that Tagrifi Militias are setting up check points along the Sawknah - Sabha road.
- Demonstration - 27 Mar 17, Sabha Province, Sabha: The Employees of the National Commercial Bank (Sabha branch) have held a demonstration in solidarity with the National Commercial Bank (Obari branch), who's manager was kidnaped on 21 March 2017.
- Crime - 30 Mar 17, Al Jufra Province, Hun: A weapon store was broken into in Hun. Ammunition, mortars and rockets were stolen during the attack.



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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