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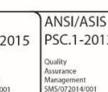
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## ACTIVITY MAP



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## OUTLOOK

### Short 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 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.
- 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.
- 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

- Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar has publicly outlined 12 demands, given to GNA leader, Fayez al-Sarraj during their meeting in early May.
- IDPs are to return to Tripoli in the coming weeks ostensibly under the protection of Zintani militia. The involvement of external militia groups may lead to tensions in the city.

### Security

- Pro-GNC militias launched a large offensive against pro-GNA militias in Tripoli. The attackers were held and then driven back out of the city completely. GNA forces have retaken Tripoli International Airport.
- Tripoli militias have handed over five military camps, taken during recent fighting, to the GNA MoD.
- Egypt has launched airstrikes against groups in Derna and Jufra, with assistance from the LNA. Libyan ground offensives in the coming weeks are possible.
- The proscribed terrorist group, Ansar al-Sharia in Libya, has announced its dissolution.
- Zintani former servicemen have been asked to report for duty. This may raise concerns of Zintani armed groups advancing into Tripoli.

### Oil and gas

- The NOC has announced that crude oil production has exceeded 800,000 bpd.

**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****Governance****Sarraj-Haftar talks?**

The political situation in Libya remains changeable but, despite incidents that have threatened to derail political talks, indications continue to suggest that further talks will occur. The leader of the GNA, Fayed Sarraj, met with the LNA leader, Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar in early May to discuss possible agreements. However, a destabilizing security situation in Tripoli prevented a second meeting later in the month. However, on May 25, Haftar provided indications that the talks may still go ahead. Within a press interview, Haftar announced 12 demands which, he claims, were submitted to Sarraj during their meeting. A key point within the list was that the Government would have no authority over the LNA, although the LNA would be subordinate to the PC, within a proposed new structure.

There is no certainty of another meeting between the two leaders. However, Sarraj is due to visit the US to meet US President Donald Trump later this month. It is likely that the US administration is encouraging another meeting between the two Libyan leaders and this might well happen before Sarraj's US visit.

**Security****LNA plan further operations with support from Egypt**

The LNA has continued to make headway this week in Eastern and Southern Libya in their operations against, what they describe as, extremist groups. On May 27, the LNA received a significant boost when the internationally proscribed terrorist group, Ansar al-Sharia, issued a statement announcing that it is dissolving

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after being weakened by fighting in Benghazi. The LNA was buoyed further with the announcement that the Egyptian Air Force (EAF) would target terrorist groups in Libya.

### Pro-GNC offensive into Tripoli backfires

An offensive by pro-GNC groups appears to have backfired for the alliance after a counter-offensive pushed the groups out of Tripoli completely. The offensive was first touted in early May as "Fakhr Libya" but, despite tensions within the city, it was around three weeks before the attack materialized, on May 26. The Abu Saleem area of the city was the main target of the violence but as the day wore on Tripoli groups began to counter. The outcome of the fighting in the short term appears to be a feeling of increased stability and security in Tripoli. However, the new stability has led to announcements that pro-LNA Zintani militia may return to Tripoli under the guise of protecting IDPs. The move could lead to minor clashes that could escalate during the coming fortnight.

### Dutch female arrested in Tripoli

A Dutch national working in Tripoli disappeared in Tripoli during the evening of Friday, May 26. Around five days later it was established that the female was arrested, reportedly by a pro-GNA group, described in the media as "official authorities". The woman remains in custody at time of writing.

### Oil and gas

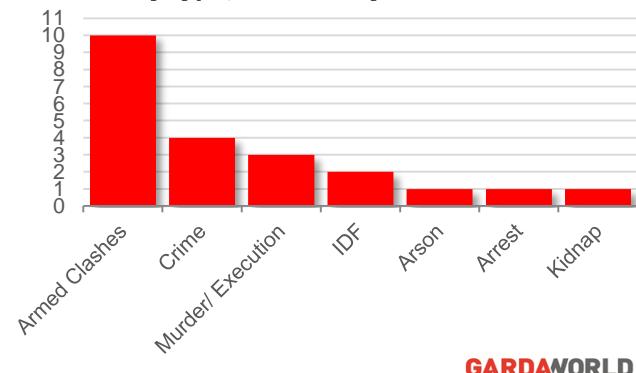
#### NOC announce production exceeds 800,000bpd

According to the National Oil Corporation (NOC), Libya's crude oil production has surpassed 800,000bpd again after repairs were completed on a technical problem at the Sharara oil field. Daily production reached 827,000 bpd.

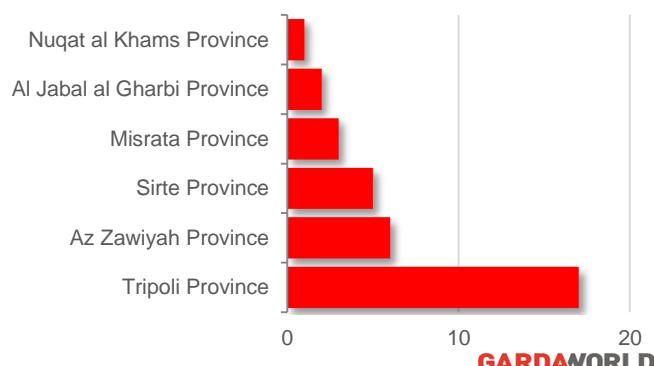
## WEEKLY OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

### Tripolitania

#### Incidents by type, 25 - 31 May



#### Incidents by district, 25 - 31 May



### Significant activity

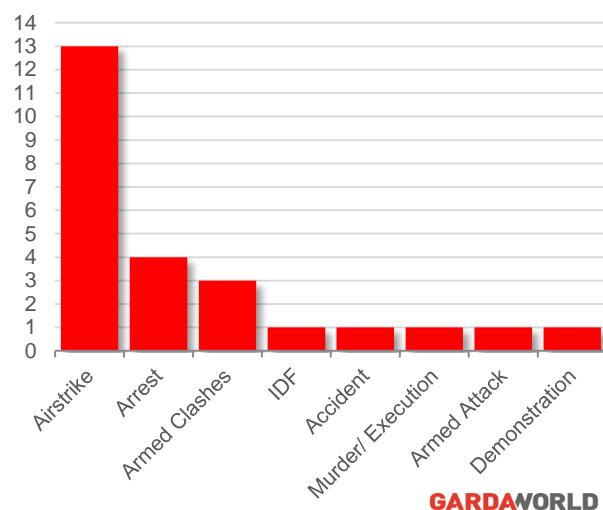
- Armed Clashes - 26 May 17, Misrata Province, Bani Waled: Security forces in Sirte have killed four IS fighters and arrested two more.
- Armed Clashes - 26 May 17 06:30, Tripoli Province, Tripoli: Pro-GNC militia launched a large offensive, named Operation Fakhr, into Tripoli on at least two axes. The main objective appears to have been the Rixos Hotel (former government seat) and Camp 77.
- IDF - 26 May 17, 12:00, Tripoli Province, Daha: A stray artillery shell struck the Mellitah Oil & Gas HQ building, causing a fire on upper floors.
- Armed Clashes - 26 May 17, Tripoli Province, Tripoli: TRB forces attacked Hadba Prison, taking control of the site and destroying the house of Khaled Sharif, the leader of the prison.
- Armed Clashes - 27 May 17, Tripoli Province, Abu Saleem: Further clashes occurred in the south of Tripoli, mainly in the Abu Saleem area. Pro-GNA forces counter-attacked and pushed pro-GNC forces back.
- Murder/ Execution - 29 May 17, Misrata Province, Bani Waled: A body was found near Bani Waled, with gunshot wounds and hidden in a water tank. The man has been identified as missing since a clash with IS members around Bani Waled.

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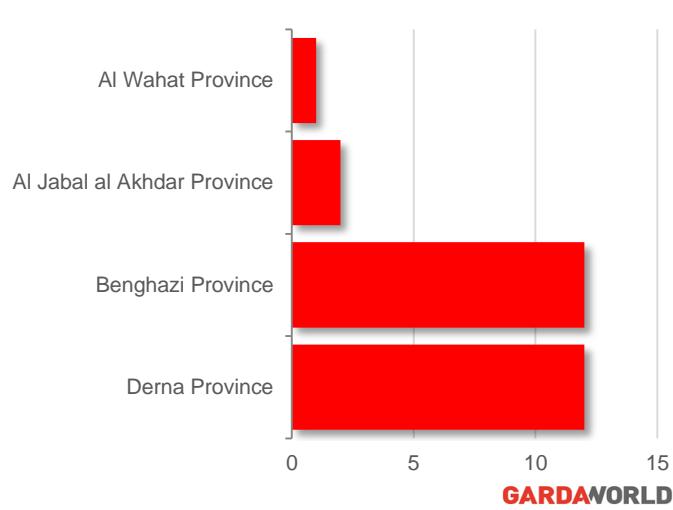
- Armed Clashes - 30 May 17, Nuqat al Khams Province, Zuwara: Sources close to the Coast Guard have reported clashes between an unidentified boat suspected of smuggling fuel from the city of Zuwara. Reports indicate that the coast guard forces engaged the ship after it did not respond to orders to stop.
- Security Announcement - 31 May 17, Sirte Province, Sirte: A spokesperson for BAM has reported sightings for IS fighters in various locations south of Sirte.
- Unknown Explosion - 31 May 17, Misrata Province, Misrata: A Mirage F1 from the Misrata Air Academy conducted a training exercise. The noise of the jet breaking the sound barrier initially caused concern with some groups believing that it was an airstrike.

## Cyrenaica

Incidents by type, 25 - 31 May

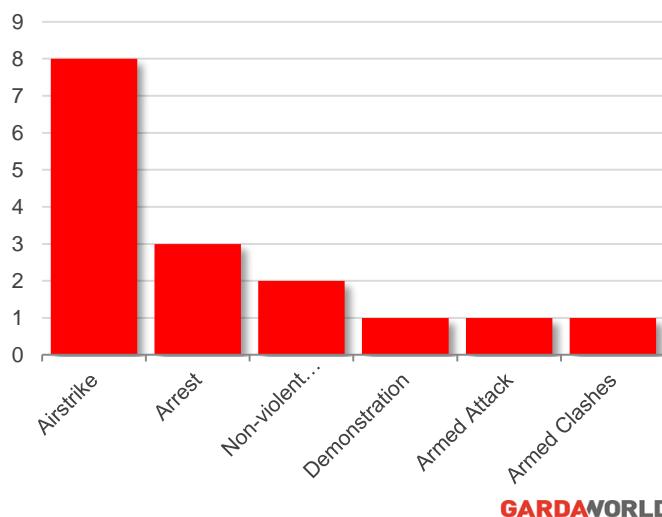
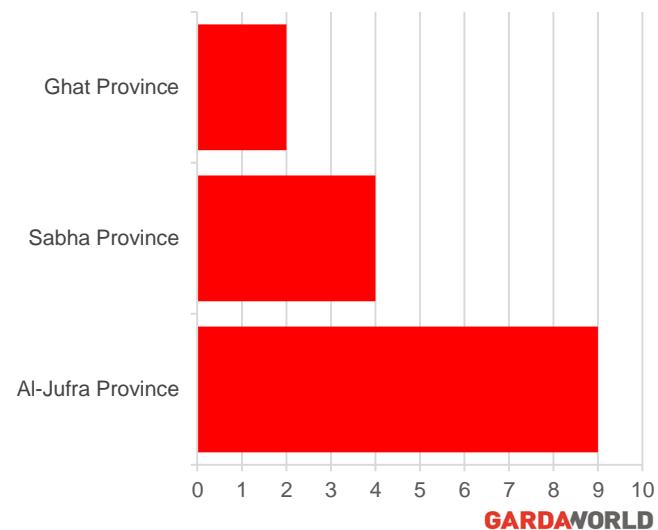


Incidents by district, 25 - 31 May



### Significant activity

- Airstrike - 26 May 17, evening, Derna Province, Derna: EAF assisted by the LNA, conducted airstrikes targeting MSCD positions in Derna. The attack was in response to a terrorist attack in Egypt, claimed by IS, targeting Coptic Christians.
- Armed Clashes - 28 May 17, Benghazi Province, Suq Al-Hout: Reports indicate that armed clashes broke out around Suq al-Hout between LNA and RSCB.
- Airstrike - 28 May 17, Benghazi Province, Suq Al-Hout: Reports indicate that LNA jets have conducted airstrikes on RSCB positions.
- Airstrike - 29 May 17, Derna Province, Derna: The EAF has conducted airstrikes on MSCD positions around the city.
- Airstrike - 29 May 17, Derna Province, Daher al-Hamer: Sources close to LNA's Omar al-Mukhtar Op's room have reported that LNA helicopters have conducted strikes on MSCD positions.
- Armed Clashes - 29 May 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: Sporadic clashes have been reported between LNA and RSCB fighters in Sabri
- Armed Clashes - 30 May 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: Reports indicate that sporadic clashes broke out between LNA forces and RSCB fighters in Sabri.
- IDF - 30 May 17, Benghazi Province, Suq al-Hout: Reports suggest that LNA forces have conducted IDF strikes on enemy positions around North Benghazi Court.
- Security Announcement - 31 May 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: Reports issued by the Military Media Unit indicate that RSCB fighters in Sabri and Suq Al-Hout are using explosives in an attempt to topple some high-rise buildings in the area. The move is thought to be an attempt to block routes leading into the besieged areas from being used by LNA forces.

**Fezzan****Incidents by type, 25 - 31 May****Incidents by district, 25 - 31 May****Significant activity**

- Airstrike - 27 May 17, early morning, Al-Jufra Province, Hun: LNA conducted airstrikes targeting BDB positions in Hun.
- Political Announcement - 27 May 17, Sabha Province, Tamanhint Airport: LNA sources have reported that the civilian side of Tamanhint Airbase has been handed over to Al-Bawannis Security Directorate.
- Security Announcement - 30 May 17, Al-Jufra Province, Al-Jufra: Reports indicate that four militia groups from Al-Jufra region have released a joint statement denying any involvement in the attack on Brak Airbase.
- Armed Clashes - 30 May 17, Jufra Province, Waddan City: Unconfirmed reports indicate that clashes broke out along the Waddan Zillah road between the LNA and BDB.

## 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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