

1. The Big Picture

Eid Al-Fitr holiday proceeds with no change to status quo

Whilst clashes continued on Tripoli's Southern frontlines, the post Eid Al-Fitr period saw no significant changes to the status quo on the ground. Fears of a potential nationwide threat of an Islamic State (IS) attack ahead of Eid Al-Fitr were unfounded in Tripoli. However, the heightened threat of a terror attack recently reported by WB will continue to apply in the short term. The latter has proven true in the Eastern and Southern regions, as the IS claimed responsibility for two recent attacks on a Libyan National Army (LNA) military camp in Derna and an LNA-manned checkpoint between Sabha – Jufra.

The Eid Al-Fitr period saw heavy clashes between the LNA and Government of National Accord (GNA) forces in the Tripoli International Airport (TIP) vicinity. On 04 Jun, LNA units claimed to have repelled a surprise attack by GNA forces in the morning to seize TIP. Since the 04 Jun surprise GNA attack, no significant advances/retreats have been recorded on the frontlines, with clashes remaining heavily concentrated in the TIP vicinity.

Meanwhile, nationwide Eid Al-Fitr celebrations and prayers took place on 04 Jun after conflicting reports that Eid would begin on 05 Jun. There were some last-minute changes made to the initial decree due to a delayed crescent sighting by the General Authority for Endowments and Islamic Affairs. In Tripoli, thousands took to Martyrs' Square for Eid prayers. Pictures circulated on social media appear to document the presence of GNA PM Fayez Al-Serraj taking part in celebrations. The celebrations went ahead with no security incidents reported. Additional pictures circulated purportedly showing Libya's controversial mufti Sadiq Gharyani, and his son, returning to Tripoli and being welcomed by his Islamist supporters in the Tajoura area. Gharyani's reported presence in Tripoli would further legitimize the LNA's narrative. Beyond, pictures circulated purportedly showing an Al-Qaeda (AQ) veteran, identified as Salih Da'aiki, participating in the Eid Al-Fitr prayers held in Martyrs' Square.

In a series of ongoing claims by the LNA of increased Turkish involvement in support of the GNA, this week saw the LNA's Libyan Air force (LAF) downing two Turkish unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) at Mitiga International Airport (MJI). The LNA's LAF commander, Maj Gen

Mohammed Al-Manfour, reported the LAF's full control over Tripoli's airspace in the engagement areas as highlighted by the downing of the two Turkish UAVs at MJI on 06 Jun. It remains unclear if the UAVs were Turkish made and/or operated. Al-Manfour stated that the LAF identified that the UAVs weakness' lies in its approach to landing, hence indicating an easy target for the LAF. Al-Manfour added that the LNA's military aircraft targets military points/gatherings of GNA military vehicles, whilst accusing GNA military aircraft of targeting civilians. Further, Al-Manfour stated that progress towards the center of Tripoli is moving at a slow pace in an effort to avoid harming civilians. In a related development, a new video circulated reportedly showing the Turkish-made Bayraktar TB2 UAV landing at the MJI airbase on 06 Jun.

Allegations of foreign support will continue to be put forward by the warring factions with the possibility of increased external interference prolonging the conflict. The latter was highlighted by the Moroccan Foreign Minister (FM), Nasser Bourita, who touched upon the responsibility of foreign states meddling in Libyan affairs and subsequently fueling the conflict, in a joint conference with his French counterpart, Jean-Yves Le Drian. The latest international call to immediately cease hostilities came from Drian as he reiterated calls for an immediate ceasefire on 09 Jun. Le Drian also alluded to Islamic State (IS) resurgence in the Fezzan region. Ongoing reports of armed groups, including Arab and Tebu tribal components, continue to emerge from Murzuq. Clashes broke out on the first day of Eid Al-Fitr and have resulted in at least 20 casualties thus far. A widened security vacuum indicated by the recent security events in the South would prove unfavorable to the LNA's position in the region.

New assigned duties to LNA units in the Oil Crescent region and oil ports, including the deployment of patrols from East of Ajdabiya to the West of Sirte, indicates heightened fears of a potential attack fueled by anti-LNA sentiment. Similarly, two separate IED/VBIED attacks in Derna point to a gradual return of militant activity in the city.

KEY POINTS

- Eid Al-Fitr period proceeds with no changes
- LNA reinforcements in Oil Crescent
- Security vacuum widens in South & East



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2. National Security Map

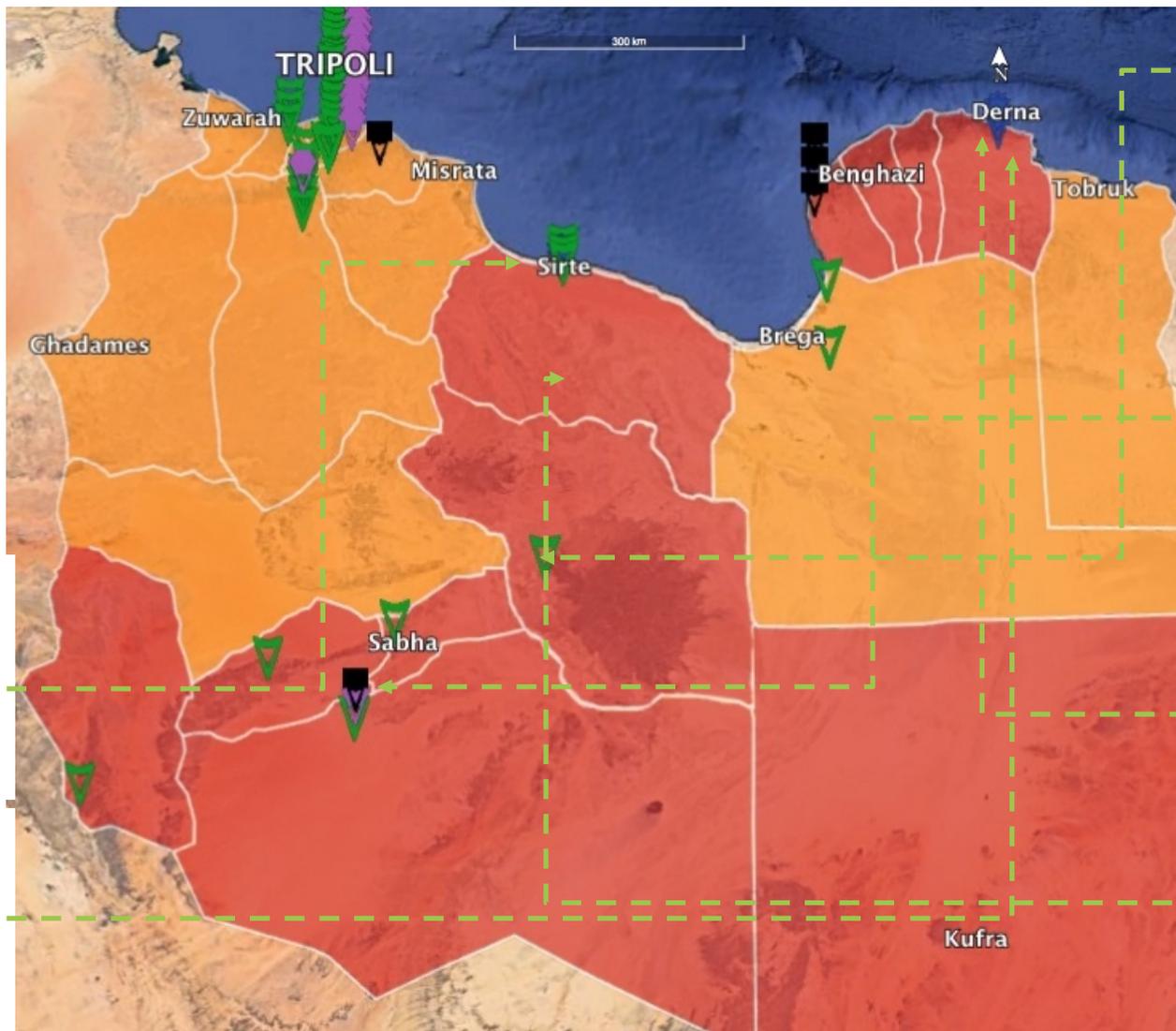
IS claims dual VBIED attack on LNA camp in Derna & attack on LNA-manned CP b/w Sabha-Jufra

Key

- Severe Threat
- High Threat
- Moderate Threat

EVENT INDICATORS

- ⚡ IED | VBIED
- ⚡ Violent Clash
- ⚡ Isolated Gunfire
- ⚡ Other



The Islamic State (IS) claimed responsibility via its Amaq publication for an attack on Libyan National Army (LNA)-manned Checkpoint 400 located between Sabha and Jufra, near Al-Fuqaha. The group claimed to have controlled the CP and seized weapons. On 03 Jun, reports emerged over a suspected IS attack on the Al-Fuqaha gate, with initial reports suggesting a group of masked gunmen established a fake CP.

Reports suggest heavy clashes erupted between armed groups in Murzuq on the first day of Eid Al-Fitr (04 Jun) resulting in 15 fatalities, including one woman, and the injuries of 35 others. Three others have been reported missing. In response, the Libyan National Army (LNA)-affiliated Khalid Bin Walid Brigade mobilised towards the area to prevent further escalation

Local reports suggest an improvised explosive device (IED) targeting the East Coast Police Station detonated in Derna at dawn on 04 Jun. No casualties were recorded. Emerging reports indicated Islamic State (IS) involvement.

Reports emerged over an airstrike targeting an unidentified convoy South of Ras Lanuf near the Mabrouk Oil Field at approximately 2300hrs on 03 Jun. Separately, reports suggest the Libyan National Army's (LNA) Al-Saiqa Special Forces mobilised via Ajbidaya towards the Oil Crescent in light of a potential security threat.

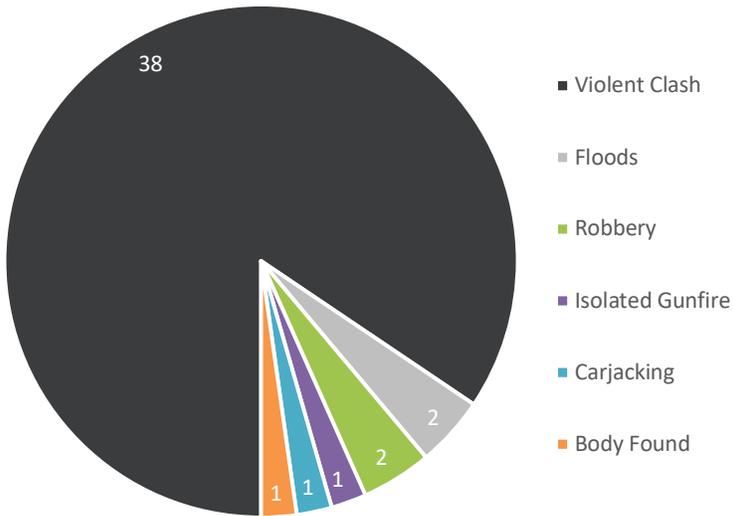
The Government of National Accord (GNA) Navy Chief of Staff, Rida Essa, denied reports that coastal areas from Sirte to Ras Ajdair had been declared a military zone. Essa added that GNA naval forces are ready to thwart any potential LNA naval offensive. The statement further discussed anti-illegal migration operations, with over 70 search operations conducted.

The Islamic State (IS) claimed responsibility for the dual Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) attack targeting an LNA camp in Derna, while claiming the attack resulted in 19 casualties on 02 Jun. The two VBIEDs detonated targeting the LNA's "Bulahati" military camp in Derna, near Darnes Football Club, at approximately 0130hrs on 02 Jun.

3. Nationwide Security Analysis

Increase in nationwide fatalities due to violent clashes in Tripoli & Murzuq

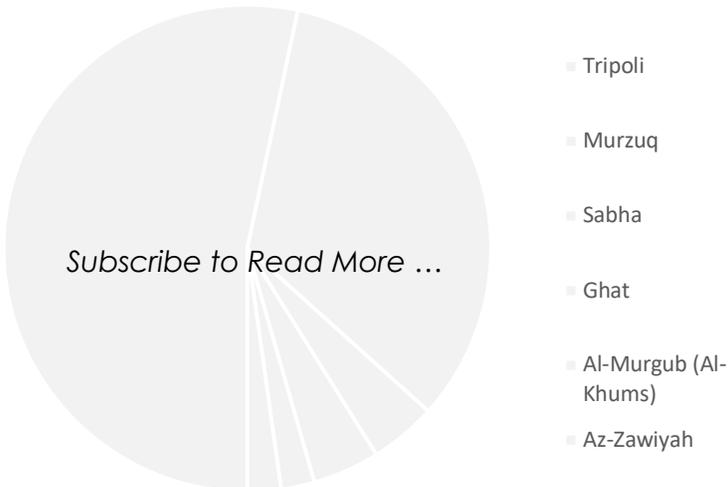
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Nationwide incidents by type of attack (Past week)



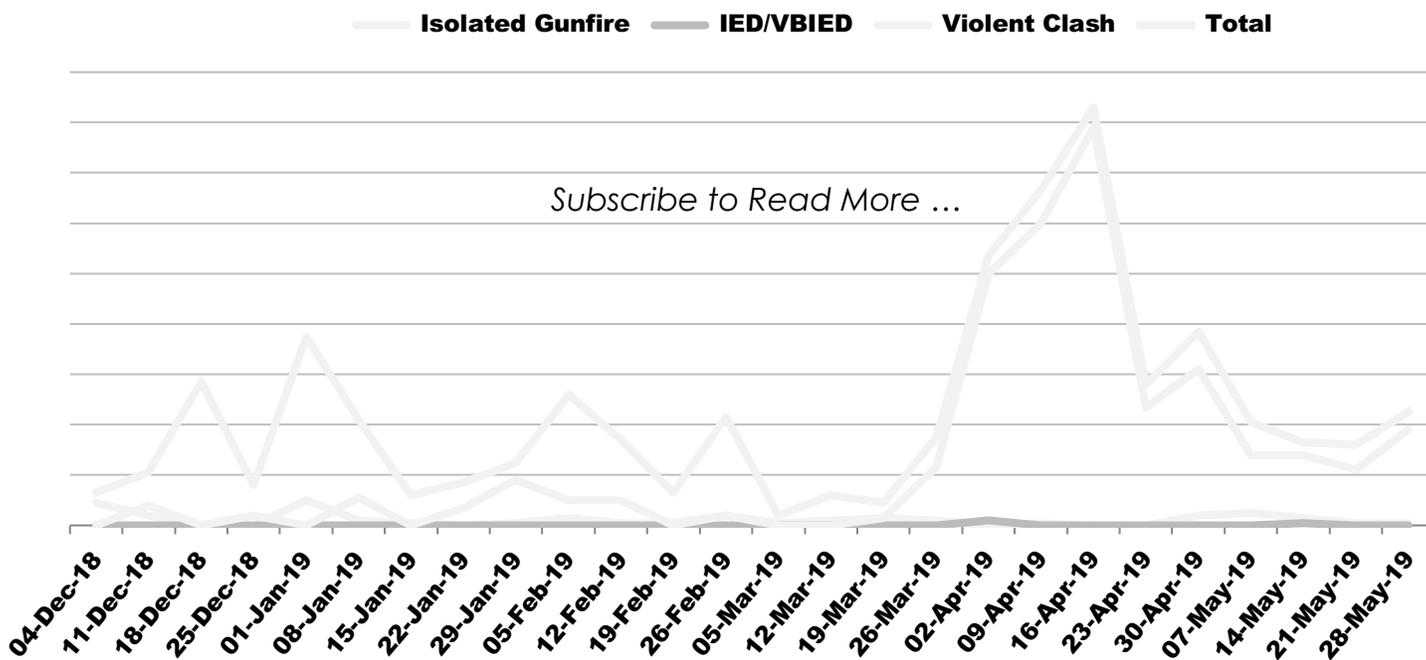
Nationwide fatalities by national district (Past week)



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Nationwide Fatalities by Type of Attack (Past 27 Weeks)



Data Analysis

WB recorded this week a total of 45 confirmed deaths in Libya, which compares to 10 deaths reported last week and 33 the week before. This week's number of nationwide fatalities indicates a sharp increase in contrast to last week due to an updated casualty toll from the Tripoli clashes. Over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the nationwide fatalities were due to violent clashes, with 24 fatalities recorded as a result of the clashes on Tripoli's Southern frontlines and 15 fatalities recorded due to armed clashes in the Southern town of Murzuq. This week, WB recorded an increase in the number of airstrikes conducted and violent clashes recorded, whilst mortar/rocket shelling incidents and explosions represented a lower number in contrast to the previous week. Whilst the majority of security incidents remain dominantly in Tripoli, followed by the wider Western region, WB recorded an increase in security incidents recorded in the Southern region. Several security incidents were reported throughout the country including, 31 airstrikes, 15 violent clashes, 8 mortar/rocket shelling incidents, 6 cases of isolated gunfire, 5 explosions heard, 4 arrests, 3 attacks, 3 IED/VBIED explosions, 2 robberies, 1 carjacking, 1 body found, and 1 fire.

In Western Libya, WB recorded a total of 64 incidents, including 52 incidents in the capital city, Tripoli, marking a decrease in incidents recorded in the region in contrast to last week. In Tripoli, sources reported the director of the Flour Factory in the Wadi Al-Rabei area was kidnapped in Tripoli's Ain Zara area in the morning on 01 Jun. Initial reports indicate the man was kidnapped while on his way home from work. There is no further information available. Separately, reports emerged over a carjacking incident in Garaboli by unidentified assailants riding an old BMW vehicle on 03 Jun. The assailants reportedly shot and killed the driver who was originally from Misrata and was driving a Toyota vehicle. No further information. Further, the Government of National Accord's (GNA) Ministry of Interior (Moi) released the results of an investigation of an Iranian-flagged vessel, the Shahr E Kord, docked at the Port of Misrata with an unidentified cargo on 22 Apr. Following the investigation, the Moi claimed that the vessel was found carrying 114 containers, with no arms-related supplies found. On 28 Apr, the GNA stated that it seized an Iranian vessel that is on the US and European Union's sanctions list near Misrata port.

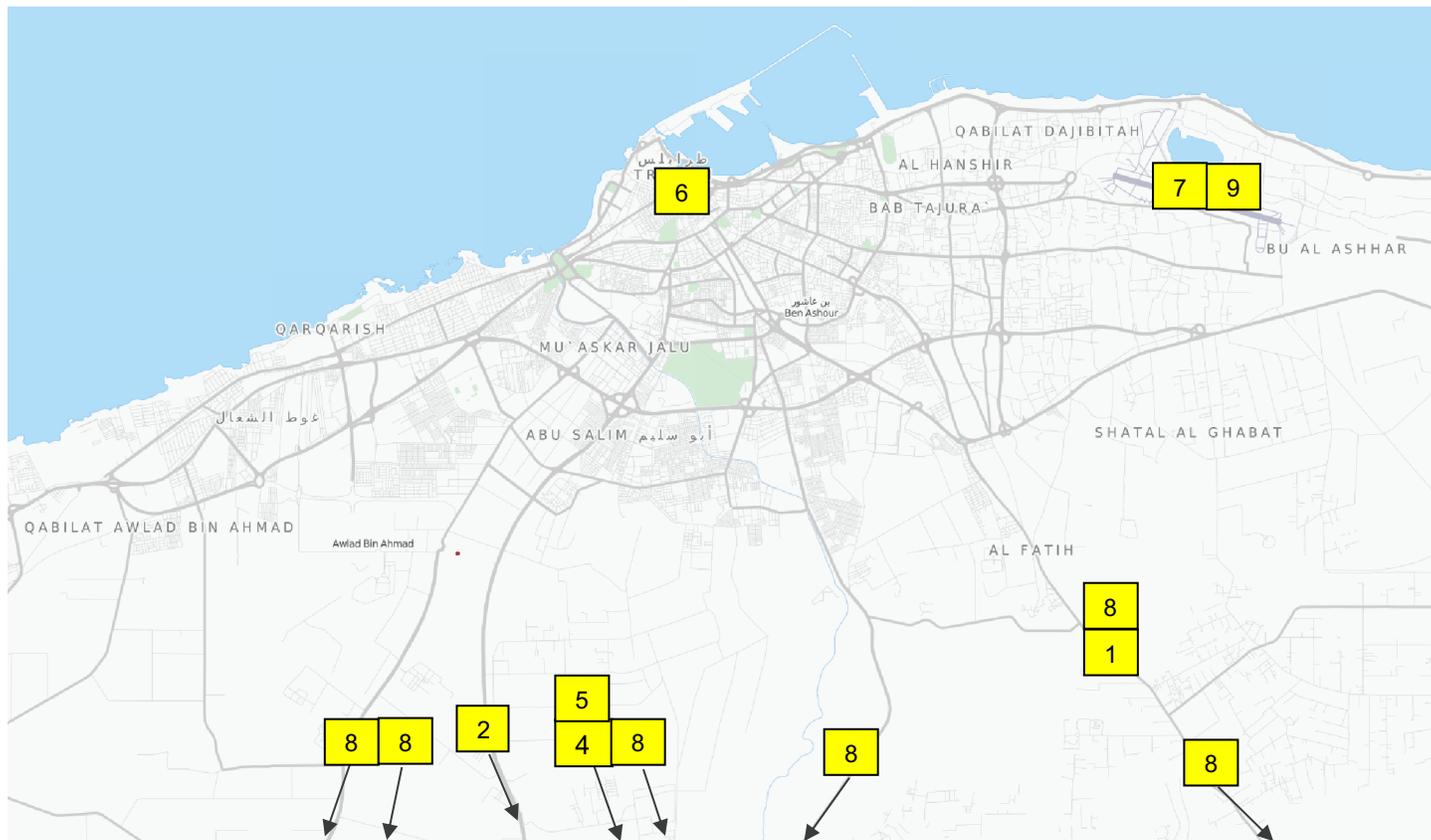
In the central region, the Central Military Region Commander under the Presidential Council (PC), Maj Gen Mohammed Al-Haddad, carried out inspection visits to several military sites to monitor the security situation on Sirte's borders on 06 Jun. Al-Haddad was accompanied by several Central Military region forces and members of Sirte's Operations Room. Al-Haddad also inspected the Western and Eastern entrances to the city of Sirte.

Turning to Southern Libya, beyond armed clashes resulting in fatalities in Murzuq, local reports suggest two bank coordinators and members of the Aljadid Local Council, Hamid Albadawi and Mohammed Abdulaziz, who were carrying cash to be distributed as salary payments to locals, were killed in an armed robbery in Sabha's Jadid area on 01 Jun. Sources reported the unidentified assailant(s) stole an amount of 850,000 Libyan dinars (LYD). Separately, Awbari's Ambulance and Emergency Services reported that one of its ambulances en route to Ghat was subject to an armed robbery in Awbari on 06 Jun. Ghat has witnessed heavy rainfall and subsequent severe flooding since 03 Jun resulting in two fatalities, the disappearance of 24 individuals, and the displacement of 1,568, according to official data provided by Ghat's Municipal Council.

In Eastern Libya, this week saw two separate IED/VBIED attacks on an LNA military camp and a police station in Derna.

4. Tripoli Neighborhood Report

No significant changes on the ground post Eid Al-Fitr period



LNA claims downing of 2 Turkish UAVs at MJI

Clashes continued between the Libyan National Army (LNA) and Government of National Accord (GNA) forces in the Tripoli International Airport (TIP) vicinity between 08 and 09 Jun. Sources reported no significant changes of control on the ground, though increased LNA airstrikes continued. Meanwhile, the LNA's Military Information Division (MID) announced that the LNA made significant advances and controlled several positions previously under GNA control on the Southern frontlines. In a statement posted via Facebook, the MID noted that their combat operations resulted in heavy losses on the GNA side.

On 06 Jun, reports emerged over an LNA airstrike targeting Mitiga International Airport's (MJI) runway at approximately 0330hrs. MJI initially reported a military airstrike targeting its runway, after which it later confirmed that the airstrike was conducted far from the civilian airport's runway. The LNA's Dignity Ops Room confirmed an LNA airstrike targeted a Turkish unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) resulting in its destruction as it was due to land on the military side of MJI after conducting a mission against LNA positions. It remains unclear if the UAV was Turkish made or operated. Meanwhile, the GNA's Volcano of Rage Ops Room stated that the LNA airstrike targeting the airport comes during a time in which the government is attempting to transfer emergency aid to Ghat via MJI to those affected by heavy floods. Sources reported that MJI's air traffic control stated

that the airstrike was conducted from a distance of the runway and confirmed normal flight operations with no casualties and/or material damage recorded. Later, at approximately 2330hrs, sources reported an LNA airstrike conducted on MJI. Initial reports indicated that the airstrike targeted a Turkish unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) marking the second LNA airstrike downing a Turkish UAV over the past 72 hrs. The LNA claimed the airstrike downed a Turkish UAV parked at the military apron of MJI. Sources reported media was denied entry to MJI to visit the site where the LNA had struck, whilst the GNA granted approval to the press though local security denied their entry. No casualties were and/or impact on operations were reported.

Nationwide Eid Al-Fitr celebrations

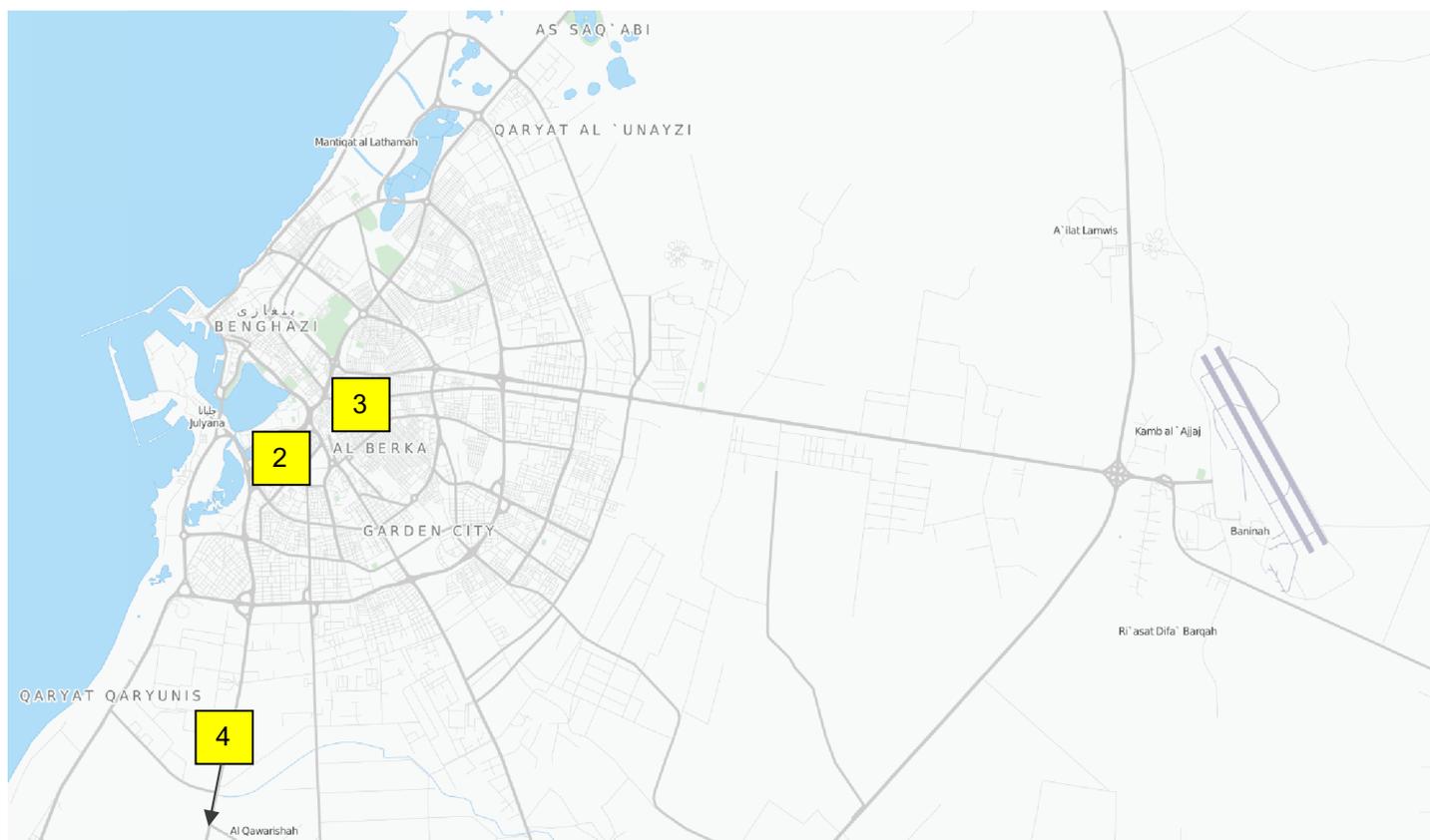
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KEY INCIDENTS

- (01 Jun) Director of Flour Factory in Wadi Al-Rabei kidnapped in Ain Zara
- (01-02 Jun) GNA gains ground; LNA retreats South of Airport Rd
- (02 Jun) Gunmen threat locals to jump queue at Al-Rahela gas station
- (04 Jun) Heavy clashes in TIP vicinity; GNA attempt surprise Eid attack
- (04 Jun) Heavy clashes cont in TIP vicinity; LNA maintain control over TIP
- (05 Jun) Thousands take to Martyrs' Square to celebrate Eid Al-Fitr
- (05-06 Jun) LNA airstrike targets Turkish UAV at MJI; no impact
- (06 Jun) GNA forces demand locals evacuate engagement areas due to expected escalation
- (07-08 Jun) LNA claims downing second Turkish UAV at MJI

5. Benghazi Neighborhood Report

Civilian casualties due to indiscriminate gunfire across city



KEY INCIDENTS

1. (02 Jun) Indiscriminate gunfire injures civilian in Hay Al-Salam
2. (06 Jun) Indiscriminate gunfire injures man Al-Kish
3. (06 Jun) Indiscriminate gunfire injures man on 20 Street
4. (08 Jun) Two unidentified bodies found South of Benghazi

Civilians injured by indiscriminate gunfire

Local reports from 05 Jun suggest indiscriminate gunfire resulted in the injury of 15-year-old Islam Abdullah in front of his residence in Benghazi's Hay Al-Salam area on 02 Jun. In a separate incident, local reports suggest indiscriminate gunfire resulted in the injury of two young men in Benghazi's Al-Kish area and on 20 Street on 06 Jun. The injured men included 14-year-old Mohammed Al-Sheikhi and 20-year-old Ayman Al-Madani. Indiscriminate gunfire remains a common cause of civilian casualties across Benghazi.

Bodies found

Local reports suggest security forces located the remains of two unidentified bodies in the Umm Al-Sufn area, approximately 10kms from Qamanis, South of Benghazi, on 08 Jun. The Libyan Red Crescent (LRC) received local reports indicating the presence of additional unidentified human remains in the Umm Al-Sufn area. There is no further information available.

6. What's next

Security vacuum widens in East & South as Tripoli clashes protract

POLITICAL FORECAST

Political developments continue to unfold amid ongoing clashes on Tripoli's Southern frontlines and domestic/international ceasefire calls. In a joint press conference with his Moroccan counterpart in Rabat, Nasser Bourita, France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Jean-Yves Le Drian, reiterated calls for an immediate ceasefire on 09 Jun. Le Drian also alluded to Islamic State (IS) resurgence in the Fezzan region, whilst Bourita highlighted the role of foreign states meddling in Libyan affairs and subsequently fueling the conflict. Meanwhile, in a separate development, US-based "Al-Hurra" TV channel discredited the authenticity of recent circulated reports indicating an upcoming meeting in Washington between the LNA head, Khalifa Haftar, and the US President, Donald Trump, to discuss the situation in Libya. Further, in an interview with NBC news, the Presidential Council (PC) Deputy Head, Ahmed Mitig, referred to the US President's phone call with Haftar in Apr as "confusing" as it was widely perceived as a shift in US policy in favor of Haftar despite the PC viewing the US as a main ally. Maiteg expressed hope over the US backing of the Government of National Accord (GNA) following talks with State Department officials during a US visit this week. Beyond this, reports indicate eight members of US House of Representatives extended a letter to the US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, requesting a clarified US policy on Libya and direct rejection of the LNA's Tripoli offensive, on 07 Jun. The letter referred to the Haftar-Trump call indicating a perceived shift in US foreign policy in favor of Haftar and the subsequent unclear US policy towards Libya that followed. International backing remains from key countries, including the US, remains vital for the rival sides amid a stalemate on the frontlines and the need to secure a defeat.

WHAT OTHER EXPERTS SAY

In an article for *The National*, the author(s) highlight how a recent twin vehicle-borne improvised explosive (VBIED) explosion targeting a Libyan National Army (LNA) unit raises the possibility of a prolonged battle against extremists in Derna. "In June last year, General Haftar declared the city fully liberated from local fighters that he has accused of being allied with Al Qaeda. But the latest attack, despite no immediate claim of responsibility, shows the security threat is far from finished. The city of around 100,000 people, situated on the emerald waters of the Mediterranean, has played host to fighters sympathetic to Al Qaeda, an ISIS occupation and one of Egypt's most wanted militants. The Libyan National Army (LNA) launched an offensive on the city in 2016 to liberate the city from ISIS, which conducted summary executions, crucifixions and beheadings in the city. Once ISIS was removed, it sought to remove a coalition of groups known as the "Derna Protection Force" it says are "terrorists" with links to Al Qaeda. It also provided the most Libyan fighters for Al Qaeda in Iraq during that country's war from 2003 onwards. Out of 112 Libyan fighters named and 606 documented in 2007, 52 were shown to come from the eastern city, representing 46 per cent of the total recorded Libyan Al Qaeda fighters in Iraq at the time. But the city has also served as a hub for some of the most hardened militants from across North Africa. Last week, Field Marshal Haftar handed Hisham El Ashmawi back to Egypt after he was captured in the longtime bastion of militancy in October last But in the city, where militancy has been allowed to fester since the fall of Muammar Qaddafi in 2011, civilians have been trapped between Field Marshal Haftar's forces and the local fighters, bearing the brunt of the battle to defeat extremism in the city. Reliable information from the city is difficult to obtain, and casualty and displacement figures from the battles it has experienced in recent years are hard to come by. What is obvious is that the battle for security in the city, one in full LNA control for the past year, is not over."

SECURITY FORECAST

The post Eid Al-Fitr period saw no significant advances/retreats on Tripoli's Southern frontlines. Clashes continued with increased airstrikes and shelling. However, the Eid period saw two new developments including the closure of the Al-Swani bridge by GNA forces indicating an advance on the Al-Swani front, in addition to sounds of clashes reaching Garabouli, suggesting the LNA managed to push back GNA forces and gain ground on the Al-Ztarna front. Meanwhile, this week saw the downing of two Turkish UAVs in Mitiga International Airport (MJI) by the LNA, subsequently indicating significant gains for the LNA. Recent reports highlight a surge in armed drones used by the warring sides. In the wider Western region and in a sign of a divided stance among tribal members, several members of the Al-Mshashia tribe in Alshgega and Mizdah villages issued a statement confirming their support for the GNA on 08 Jun, whilst other members visited Tarhunah and voiced their support for the LNA on 09 Jun. Meanwhile, this week saw new duties assigned to LNA units in the Oil Crescent and oil ports, including the deployment of patrols from the East of Ajdabiya to the West of Sirte in preparation to thwart any potential attack on the region. Increased LNA reinforcements remain likely in the short term. Turning to the South, armed clashes between tribal components, including Arab and Tebu, since the first day of Eid have thus far resulted in several casualties. An escalation of tensions would prove unfavorable to the LNA's position in the region following a recent surge in criminal activity and sporadic attacks. The threat of IS attacks remain high in the South. In the East, an IS twin VBIED attack targeting an LNA camp and an IED explosion targeting a police station in Derna, indicates a gradual return of militant activity following months of calm.

LIBYANS AND THE ARAB STREET

In a view piece for *Euronews*, the Government of National Accord (GNA) Minister of Economy, Ali al-Issawi, argues that the fragile economic gains previously achieved have been thwarted by Haftar's Tripoli offensive. Al-Issawi states "the unprovoked military aggression on 4 April against Tripoli and the western region by Haftar's militias, however, has halted the government's reform program and created a dangerous setting for a protracted resource war that could lead to full-scale economic devastation. This sudden freeze on Libya's fragile economic progress should be alarming for the international community that needs a stable Libya for several reasons, oil being one of them. European refineries are heavily dependent on Libyan crude, foreign states have vast economic interests in our country's oil industry, and a disruption to Libya's output can quickly and negatively affect prices for consumers around the globe. Reckless actions such as militarization of airports and oil ports put at immediate risk Libya's oil production – a major contributor to the OPEC output. The economic destruction does not only impact the global system; oil revenues provide a critical lifeline for the people of Libya. Haftar's aggression has already caused significant material losses placing additional pressure on the Libyan budget and disrupting supply routes of necessary goods to the country. Most importantly, the strikes are claiming lives of innocent Libyan civilians – with casualties standing above 500 and the number of wounded and injured exceeding 2,000. It's a welcome development to see the International Criminal Court stepping in and members of the U.S. House of Representatives calling on their Justice Department to investigate Haftar's crimes. In time, large natural resources and vast investment opportunities will help fund Libya's democratic transition and economic recovery, opening the country to foreign direct investment and private sector engagement. The initial groundwork for this has already been laid out. But for now, putting an immediate stop to the Haftar's bloody and reckless coup attempt is the most urgent, necessary course of action for all of Libya's domestic and international stakeholders."

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