



1. The Big Picture

Fighting intensifies after GNA attack backfires; COVID-19 cases on the rise

This week fighting in Libya intensified and combat activity was marked by fast-paced developments as the total number of coronavirus cases in-country rose to eight. Combat activity between Libyan National Army (LNA) and Government of National Army (GNA) forces has now reached levels seen in the initial months of the conflict. The LNA renewed its aerial combat sorties after a slowdown in recent months attributed to depleting jet fuel supplies. Meanwhile, GNA forces shifted to an offensive course of action as part of the newly-announced Operation Storm of Peace. GNA forces flew Turkish unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) deep into LNA territory this week in the vicinity of Maradah. In brief, this week's escalation officially marks the collapse of the fragile truce holding since 12 Jan and the recent commitment to suspend fighting over coronavirus concerns. At time of writing, eight cases were confirmed in Libya.

After hinting at offensive operations on several occasions over the past few months, GNA forces led by Osama Juwaili attacked the LNA-controlled Al-Wattiyah airbase south of Zuwara on 25 March. However, the GNA-sanctioned attack backfired, prompting the LNA to counter-attack and peacefully seize the western coastal towns of Aljmail, Riqdalin, Zelten, Al Assah, and Abu Kammash later that evening. LNA forces have effectively cordoned off **Zuwara**, the pro-GNA town in the vicinity of the Mellitah Oil and Gas Complex (MOG).

Negotiations are reportedly underway between the LNA and Zuwara elders. Although the Ras Ajdir border crossing remains under GNA control as of 30 March, LNA forces control access to/from the crossing. The situation limits the GNA's bargaining leverage by reducing evacuation options out of Tripoli for senior GNA officials. Locally, the issue is an existential one for Zuwara and Amazigh tribes across the area who rely on cross-border smuggling activity. LNA intent is to choke off Zuwara, but the ultimate objective will remain Zawiyah in the medium term.

More importantly, the situation could enable the LNA to peacefully control MOG, the joint venture between Italy's Eni and the National Oil Corporation (NOC). Italy, which has traditionally been a GNA supporter, has gradually shifted its position in favour of the LNA in recent months. Meanwhile, the LNA and east-based government have recently made peace overtures to Italy, reassuring Rome that Italian energy assets will not be targeted by the LNA.

Combat then shifted further east towards the Sirte-Misrata engagement axes. Clashes escalated after

LNA forces advanced towards Wadi Zamzam and Al-Qaddahiyah on 27 March. Pro-LNA accounts reported at least 25 LNA airstrikes targeted GNA positions in the area between 28-29 March. While GNA forces lost at least 34 men in combat, fatalities in LNA ranks include senior commanders. A GNA Turkish UAV strike in Al-Weshka killed the head of the LNA's Sirte Ops Room, Major General Salem Deryaq, and senior commander Brigadier Gaddafi Furjani on 28 March.

So far, the GNA's offensives have failed to overturn the military balance on the ground and the LNA's advances. The GNA could run the risk of depleting its military resources. This is especially true given Turkey's posture in Libya continues to be significantly weakened and it remains to be seen whether Ankara will be capable of shoring up its support for the GNA in the medium term. Ankara will find it even more difficult to advance its interests in the Mediterranean when the EU's operation "Irin" begins to enforce the UN arms embargo in April. Of note, a Tukey-flagged vessel was reportedly forced to change course after being identified as suspicious by French frigate "Provence" operating in the area. The vessel allegedly carried a shipment of military hardware but was flagged as suspicious after it switched off its transponder. Meanwhile, reports document growing discontent among Syrian fighters deployed by Turkey in GNA ranks. Transfers of Syrian fighters from Turkey to Libya will reportedly be halted for at least nine days due to the fighters' refusal to be sent to the combat theatre after heavy losses.

With this context in mind, the GNA continues to be accused by hardliners of not doing enough to repel LNA forces. Misrata's Emergency Ops Room condemned the GNA for maintaining diplomatic ties with countries that support the LNA. In a statement, the Ops Room further accused the GNA of failing to support forces East of Misrata and across Tripoli's frontlines.

But LNA forces are also having to contend with internal divisions, albeit less pronounced than the GNA's fighting. After losing the high-ranking Sirte Ops Room commanders, multiple pro-LNA accounts accused the 604 battalion of whistleblowing and communicating positions to Misrata's forces. Of note, the 604 battalion was nominally under the GNA's command before LNA forces seized Sirte in Jan.



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KEY POINTS

- Coronavirus cases reach eight; all cases in West
- LNA seizes almost all positions towards Ras Ajdir
- GNA UAV strike kills senior LNA commanders

2. National Security Map

Failed GNA attack on Al-Wattiyah Airbase prompts LNA entry into 5 western coastal towns

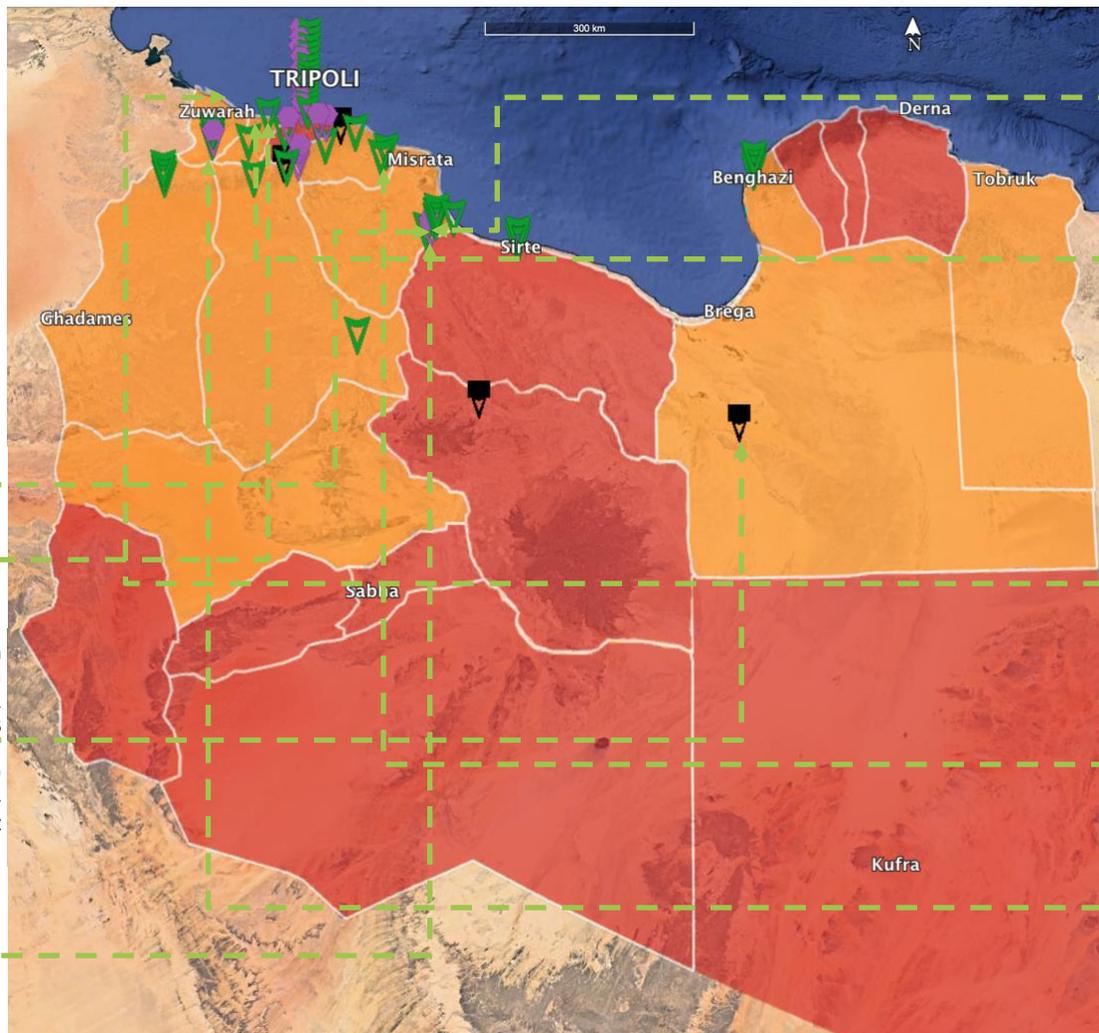
Key

THREAT INDICATORS

- Severe Threat
- High Threat
- Moderate Threat

EVENT INDICATORS

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



At approximately 0430hrs, an LNA airstrike targeted GNA positions in Abugrein.

At approximately 0330hrs on 29 March, pro-LNA accounts reported an airstrike targeted an ammunition and arms depot in Zawaya.

Pro-LNA accounts claimed a GNA-affiliated Turkish unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) was downed in the Jufra District after attempting to target LNA positions in Al Jufrah Airbase in the early hours of 28 March. Of note, the LNA claimed a GNA Turkish UAV was downed south of Maradah, approximately 100 km from the Zelten oil field, in the evening of 24 March. The UAV was reportedly preparing to target LNA positions Al Jufrah Airbase.

High-ranking LNA commanders were killed in a GNA Turkish UAV strike in Al-Weshka on 28 March. Fatalities include head of the Sirte Ops Room, Major General Salem Deryaq, and senior commander Brigadier Gaddafi Furjani. Other fatalities include Brigadier Ali Sida Tebawi (commander 129 battalion), Mussa Al-Khayel (commander 302 battalion - tanks division) and Walid Furjani (Weshka ops commander).

LNA airstrikes targeted GNA positions in Al Qaddahiyah and Wadi Zamzam on the Abu Grein frontline in the early hours of 28 March. In addition, reports indicate LNA airstrikes targeted Abu Grein in the evening on 27 March. Meanwhile, heavy clashes continued in Al Qaddahiyah village between the morning and afternoon of 27 March.

LNA airstrikes targeted GNA positions in the Mahmeiya area, south of Surman, in the afternoon on 27 March. The airstrike comes against the backdrop of LNA gains westward in the vicinity of Zuwara.

LNA units reportedly freed the Romanian engineer, Valentin Laurentiu Puscasu, and his Libyan colleague Ashraf Msallam, kidnapped by an unidentified armed group during an attack on Al-Sharara oilfield on 14 July 2018. Video footage was purported to show the two individuals confirming their release.

GNA-aligned Zuwara armed factions deployed military vehicles and tanks and erected dirt barricades within their administrative borders in the evening of 26 March. The move comes against the backdrop of LNA rapid gains in the West in the evening of 25 March.

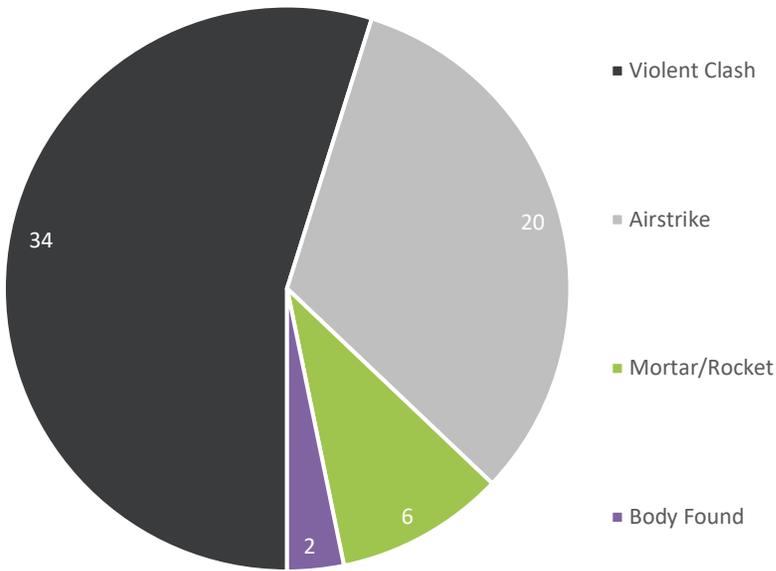
LNA airstrikes targeted a GNA military camp in Zliten's Majer area in the early hours of 28 March. The airstrikes in Zliten were strategically tailored to force pro-GNA forces from the area to retreat from Sirte's frontlines.

The LNA's Dignity Operations Room reported forces repelled a large-scale GNA attack in Al-Wattiyah Airbase sanctioned by Osama Juwaili, the Joint Operations Room commander, on 25 March.

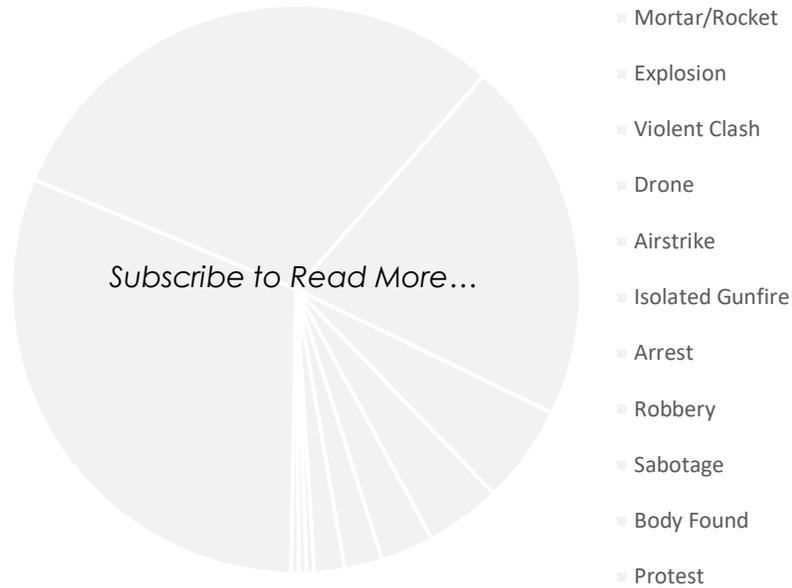
3. Nationwide Security Analysis

Clashes & airstrikes on Sirte-Misrata axes account for majority of fatalities

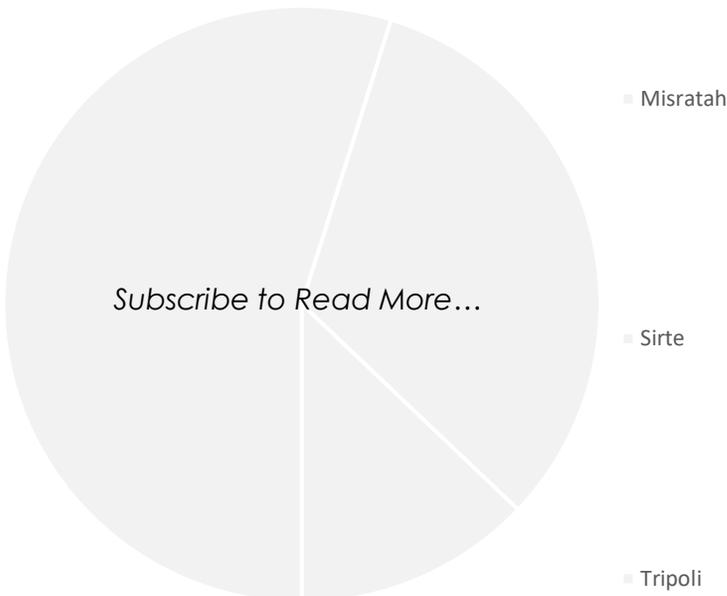
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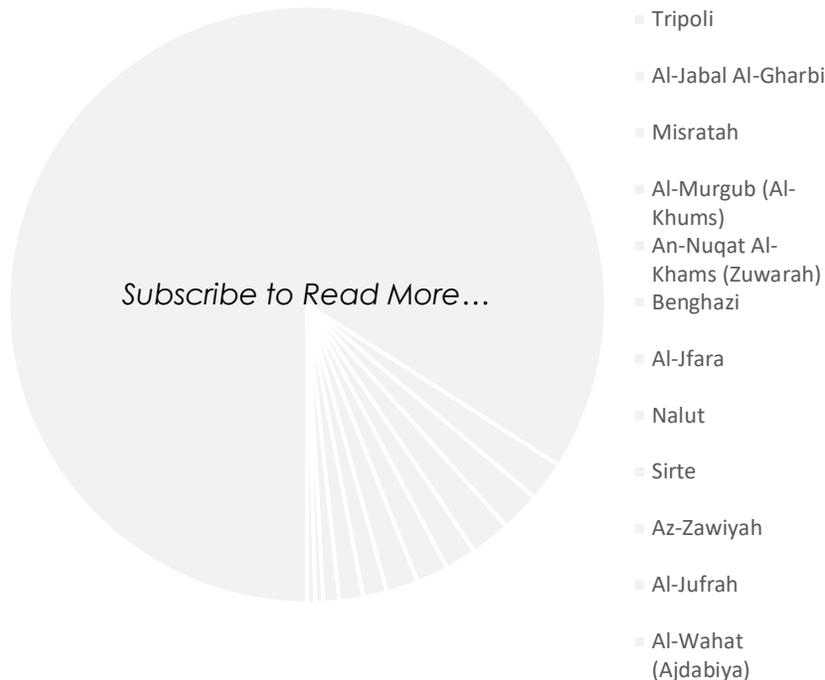
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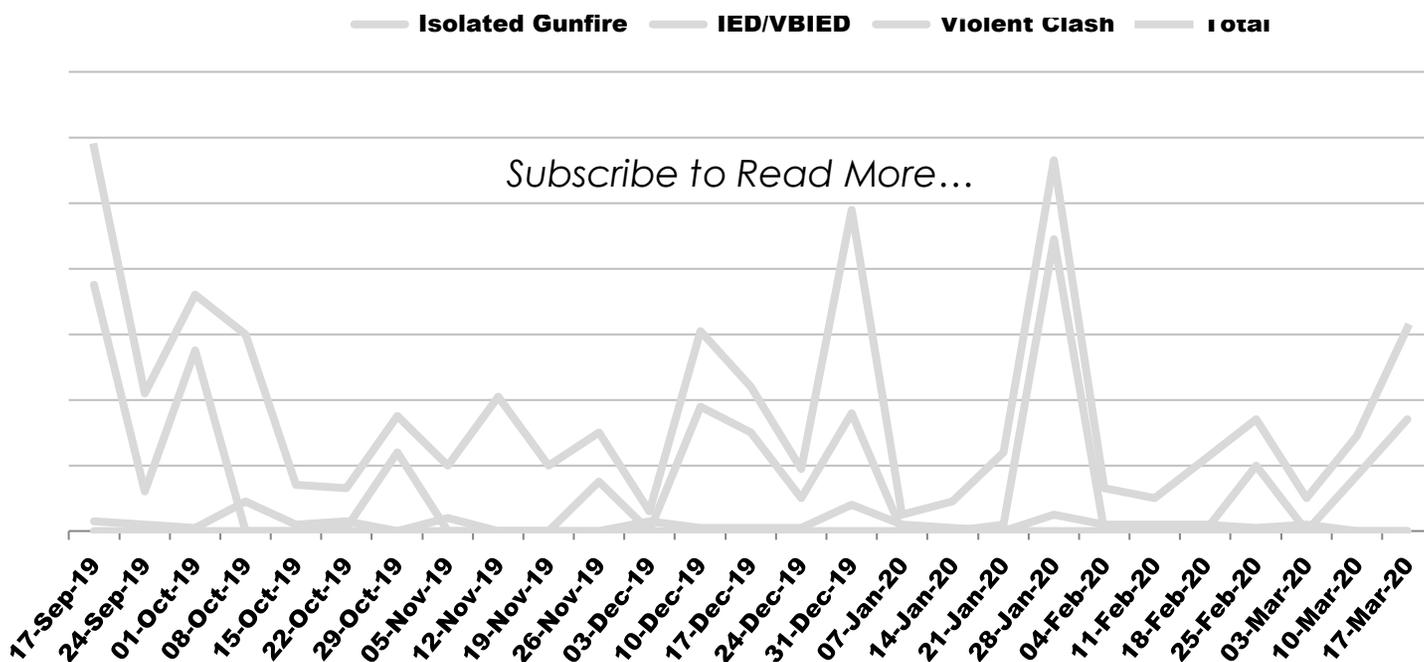
Nationwide fatalities by national district (Past week)



Nationwide incidents by national district (Past week)



Nationwide Fatalities by Type of Attack (Past 27 Weeks)



Data Analysis

WB recorded this week a total of 62 confirmed deaths in Libya, which compares to 29 deaths reported last week and 10 the week before, marking a significant increase in the number of fatalities recorded in contrast to last week largely due to an uptick in military activity on the Sirte-Misrata axes marked by the highest number of fatalities recorded in the Misrata district throughout the reporting period. Meanwhile, a heavy exchange of shelling between the Libyan National Army (LNA) and Government of National Accord (GNA) forces continued to dominate the security environment on Tripoli's frontlines, with six fatalities recorded as a result. Beyond, the remaining two fatalities were recorded in the Garabolli vicinity as two unidentified bodies were located in Al-Shridat area. Given the LNA's eleven-month long offensive continues to dominate the country's overall security environment, the highest number of incidents remains in Tripoli, followed by Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi, Misratah, Al-Murgub and An-Nuqat Al-Khams districts. The remaining incidents were largely spread across the western region, as well as the Jufra and Sirte districts in central Libya, and Benghazi to the east. WB recorded no security incidents in the southern region throughout the reporting period. Meanwhile, sporadic criminal activity remained lower than that of the previous week, with military operations taking precedence. Several incidents were recorded throughout the country including 72 mortar/rocket incidents, 70 audible explosions across Tripoli as a result of the intensified shelling, 48 violent clashes, 13 drones flying over the western and central regions, 10 airstrikes, 7 isolated gunfire cases, 5 arrests, 4 robberies, 1 act of sabotage, 1 case of bodies found and 1 protest.

In western Libya, WB recorded a total of 220 incidents, including 195 in Tripoli, marking a significant increase in security incidents recorded in the region due to an intensified shelling campaign across the capital city, in addition to a surge in airstrikes recorded across the west. In Tripoli, WB recorded a total of 66 mortar/rocket shelling incidents in Tripoli, as well as 43 violent clashes, 3 gunfire-related incidents, an act of sabotage and a vehicle theft. In addition, two undefined bodies were found with signs of torture in Gharabolli's Al-Shridat area in the morning 26 March. Meanwhile, in relation to ongoing military activity, the LNA claimed the downing of two GNA-affiliated unmanned aerial vehicles on (UAV) in the Tripoli International Airport vicinity and Salah Eddien area on 22 March and 28 March respectively. No airstrikes were conducted in Tripoli throughout the reporting period.

In the wider western region and in relation to airstrikes in the Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi, Misratah, Al-Murgub and An-Nuqat Al-Khams districts, in the early hours of 28 March, reports indicate a GNA airstrike targeted Awlad Tellies area, east of Al-'Azīzīyah. Unconfirmed reports indicate a house was targeted with no casualties recorded. Meanwhile, GNA forces shelled the LNA-controlled town of Tarhuna at approximately 0500hrs on 23 March. Similarly, WB recorded a series of LNA airstrikes targeting GNA positions in the Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi, Misratah, Al-Murgub and An-Nuqat Al-Khams districts. Beyond military operations, reports indicate locals of Al Hawamid village attacked the General Security HQ with several rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) and cordoned off the building at night on 22 March. Subsequently, the Mayor of Al-Hawamid Municipality intervened to deescalate the situation. Reports indicate General Security members had arrested a man from the village on charges of drug trafficking on 21 March. The suspect was also found in possession of a weapon. Later that day, locals of Al Hawamid attacked the General Security's HQ in retaliation and attacked it for a second time at night on 22 March.

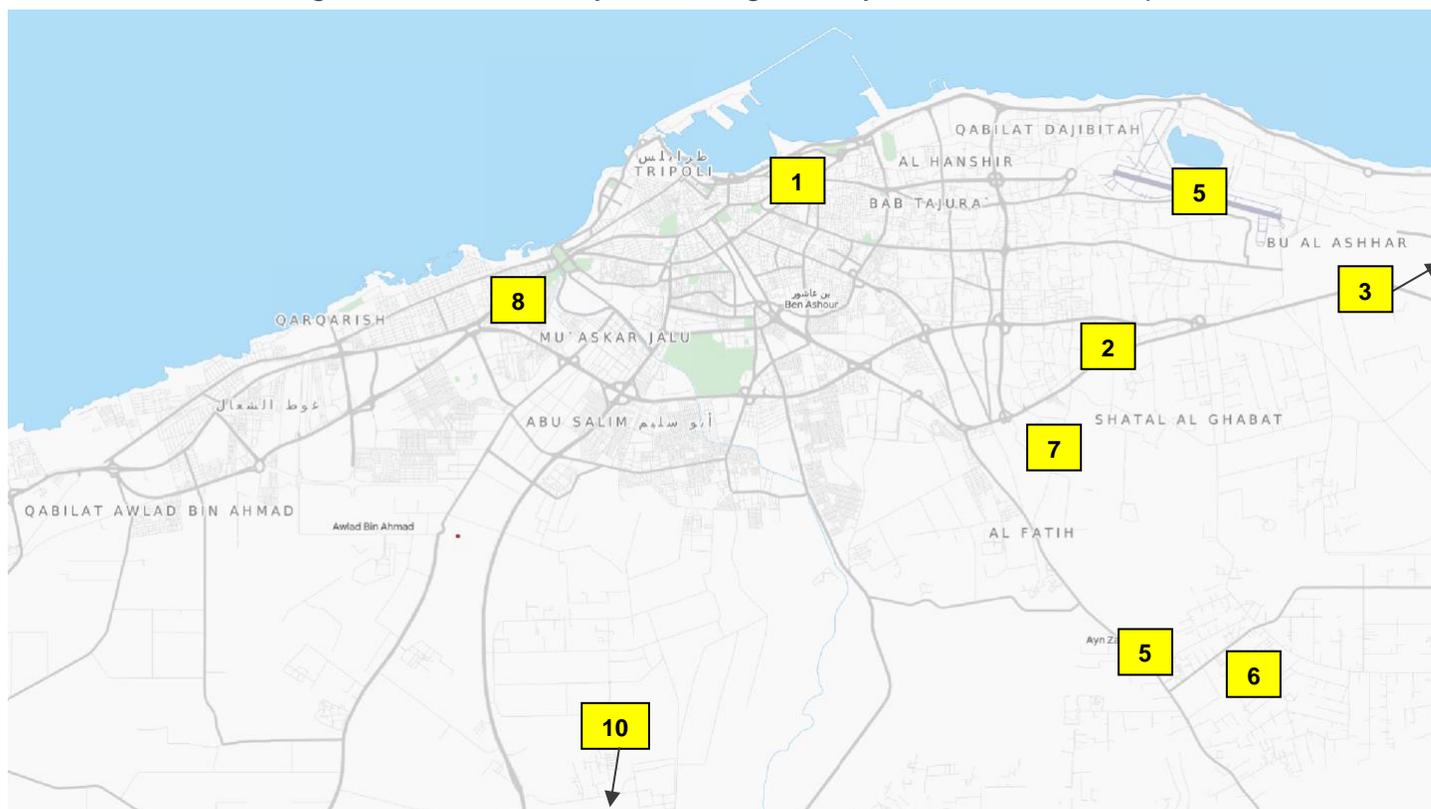
Meanwhile in the central region, beyond an uptick in engagement on the Sirte-Misrata axes, the LNA claimed it downed two GNA-affiliated Turkish UAVs over the Jufra district after attempting to target LNA positions in Al-Jufra Airbase on the 24th and 28 of March.

In the southern region, WB recorded no significant security incidents throughout the reporting period.

In the east, and beyond arrest campaigns in Benghazi, reports indicate rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) shells landed on a residential area in Laithy wounding two men. Initial reports indicate a local family launched PRGs from Bohdema in celebration of the release of their imprisoned son.

4. Tripoli Neighborhood Report

Surge in combat activity as GNA gradually shifts to offensive posture



KEY INCIDENTS

1. (21) Vehicle theft in Zawiyat Al-Dahmani
2. (22) Al-Jdaida for Reform & Rehabilitation releases 20 inmates on COVID-19 concerns
3. (23 Mar) LNA spox: Turkish-manufactured combat vehicle (FNSS ACV-15) neutralized on Ain Zara axes
4. (23 Mar) Tajoura Municipality imposes curfew in its administrative borders (1800-0600hrs)
5. (23 Mar) Intensified shelling results in five civilian casualties in Ain Zara & the death of two African workers in the Mitiga vicinity
6. (24 Mar) UNSMIL attributes shelling of Rwaiimi Prison resulting in casualties to LNA forces
7. (24 Mar) Shrapnel hits Ambulance & Emergency Service HQ wounding three
8. (24 Mar) Gunfire reported during forced closure of shops in Gorje
9. (24 Mar) CDC confirms first case of COVID-19 in Tripoli; 73-year-old man
10. (25 Mar) LNA claims advances in Wildlife Garden axes on Airport Rd after temp. GNA advance reaching Naqliya & Wildlife Garden
11. (26-28 Mar) Combat intensifies as GNA gradually moves to offensive posture
12. (29 Mar) EU joins US Ambassador to Libya in calling for immediate humanitarian truce

GNA extends curfew as COVID-19 cases reach 8

The Centre for Disease Control (CDC) announced five new cases of the novel coronavirus in Libya from Misrata on 29 March, in addition to the two cases reported on 28 March. The development brings the total number of cases in Libya to eight as of 29 March. Meanwhile, the GNA-affiliated Coronavirus Crisis Committee set a list of recommendations to the Presidential Council (PC) including: extending the curfew timings to 1400-0700hrs in place of the current 1800-0600hrs curfew, reducing working hours across the public sector from 0900-1200hrs, as well as prohibiting movement between Libyan cities with specific exceptions. In response, the GNA announced an extension of the curfew timings from 1400-0700hrs starting 30 March.

Levels of combat activity surge b/w 26-28 March

Levels of combat activity saw an unprecedented surge between 26-28 March. There is mounting evidence to indicate Government of National Accord (GNA) forces are gradually shifting from a defensive to an offensive posture as part of the recently-announced Operation Storm of Peace. This shift was highlighted by the increasing number of aerial combat sorties by the GNA. GNA forces led offensive operations from Tooghar, Aziziya, Al-Hira, and Al-Saadeya, between 26-28 March. The GNA's moves come in response to the losses endured in the vicinity of Zuwara after Osama Juwaili's failed attack on Wattiyah airbase. However, positions have remained relatively unchanged across the capital. LNA forces reported GNA attacks in Tripoli's south have been repelled. The LNA's Military Information Division (MID) claimed a GNA counter-attack on the Wildlife Garden area and Naqliya

Camp was repelled on 27 March. The LNA reported it repelled the attack using heavy artillery, whilst claiming advances on the Ain Zara and Wildlife Garden areas.

SDF releases twenty Mitiga-based prisoners

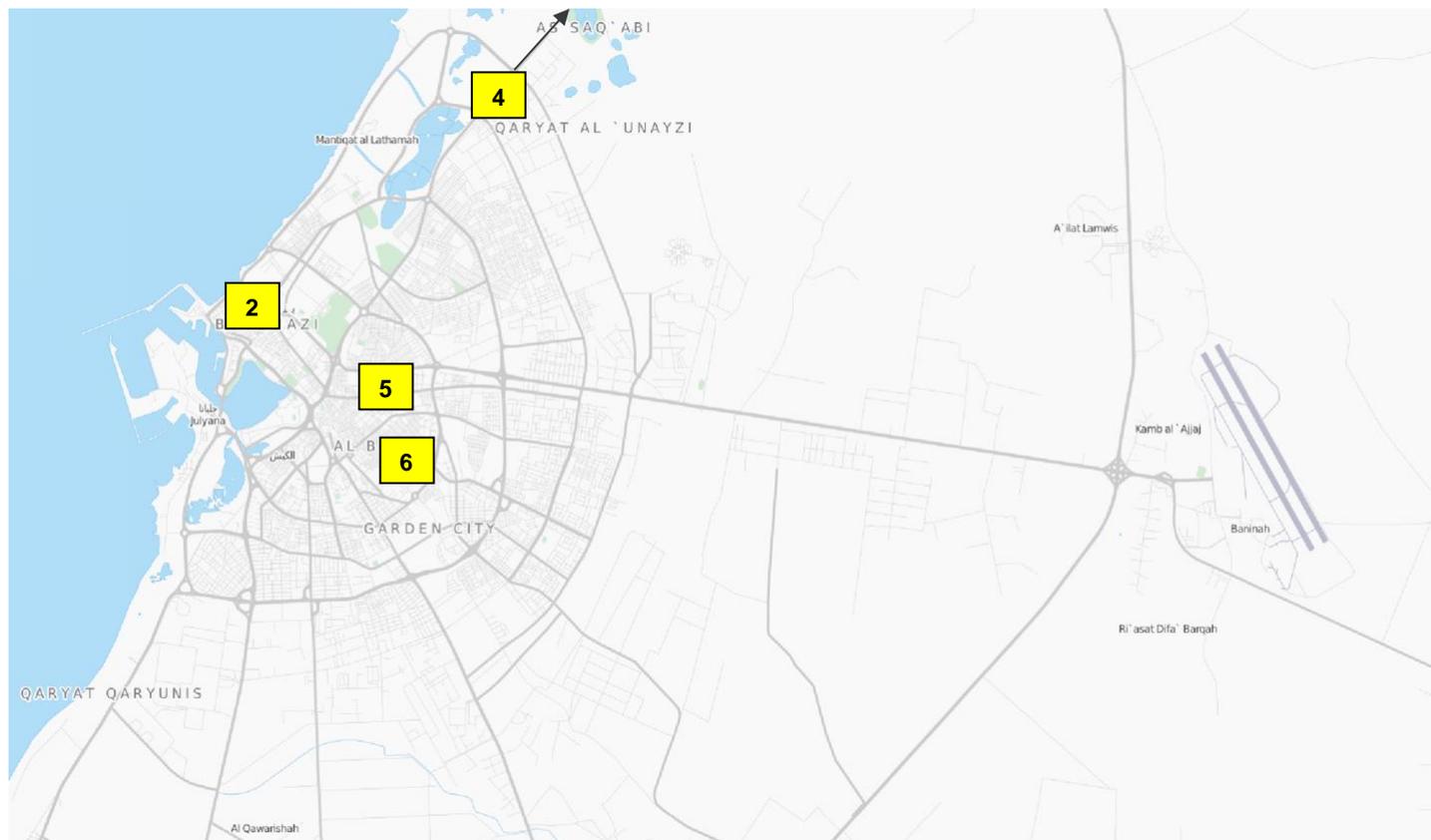
The Special Deterrence Force (SDF) reportedly released an unknown number of inmates from the SDF-controlled prison in Mitiga International Airport (MJI) over the past 48hrs. The High Judicial Authority recently ordered for the release of several prisoners in light of the discovery of the first case of coronavirus in-country. Of note, isolation wards have been established within the MJ complex. The measure has been criticized by pro-LNA voices who accused GNA armed factions of exposing possible civilian coronavirus cases at MJI.

UNSMIL condemns LNA targeting of Rwaiimi Prison

Locals reported loud explosions audible across Tripoli due to systematic shelling largely concentrated in the Ain Zara vicinity for the fourth consecutive day. Shells landed in Al-Rwaiimi Prison between 12000-1300hrs on 24 March. At least four injuries were reported among prison guards, with unconfirmed reports of a number of deaths. Additional unconfirmed reports allege some of the inmates escaped from the prison, whilst conflicting reports suggest the guards deliberately freed them due to the consecutive shelling. Subsequently, two GNA military vehicles closed Ain Zara's main road, specifically in front of As-Saieda Zaynab Mosque in the afternoon. The acting head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), Stephanie Williams, strongly condemned shelling targeting the Ain Zara vicinity, including Al-Rwaiimi Prison, by "LNA affiliated forces". Williams noted that the shelling resulted in a number of injuries, including inmates, prisoners, and judicial police officers.

5. Benghazi Neighborhood Report

Haftar relaxes curfew timings after locals voice anger in east



KEY INCIDENTS

1. (22 Mar) Municipal Guard head and wedding hall owner detained after opening in violation of COVID-19 preventive measures
2. 24 Mar) Locals protest cash shortages in front of Jumhouria Bank
3. (25 Mar) CID seizes warehouse of fake consumer association storing large quantities of food commodities
4. (27 Mar) Vegetable trucks seized after failing to cooperate
5. (28 Mar) Five Chadian nationals arrested on charges of theft
6. (28) Municipal Guards patrol Al-Berka and close several shops & pharmacies exploiting COVID-19 situation to increase prices

Haftar relaxes curfew timings following protest

A state of anger was reported among locals in the eastern region, including in the cities of Al Bayda and Benghazi, where dozens of locals protested against cash shortages in front of Jumhouria Bank (Souq Al-Hout Branch) in Benghazi's downtown area in the afternoon on 24 March. According to reports, the protestors stated that they did not have sufficient cash to buy essential supplies during the government-sanctioned ten-day curfew effective from 25 March. Subsequently, the protestors threatened to continue going to work in violation of the full curfew. In response, the LNA head, Khalifa Haftar, readjusted the curfew timings to 1500-0700hrs as of 25 March in areas under LNA control. Haftar's decision to relax the curfew timings came after the Interior Ministry announced a two-hour brief window from 1000-1200rs to allow residents to stock up on necessary supplies after announcing a full 24hr curfew. Meanwhile, the east-based coronavirus crisis committee restricted all inter-city travel in light of the discovery of the first positive case in Tripoli.

Haftar inspects COVID-19 control measures

The LNA Tarik Ibn Ziyad "Golden Squad" convoy was spotted in Benghazi at night reportedly escorting Khalifa Haftar who inspected the city's control measures and curfew to combat the coronavirus outbreak. Haftar's convoy was reported passing through Al-Wheishi district.

Separately, LNA Chief of Staff (CoS) and head of the eastern coronavirus crisis committee, Abulrazzak Nadori, ordered commercial banks and the east-based Central Bank of Libya (CBL) to process January 2020 salaries for all current accounts. In response, the CBL confirmed banks in the East do not have liquidity to implement the order, urging citizens to make payments using online transaction services during the full curfew. In a related development, the east-based CBL ordered all commercial banks to stop processing notes and coins in a preventive measure to combat the coronavirus outbreak.

Chadian thieves arrested; vegetable trucks seized

On 28 March, members of Benghazi's Al-Baraka Police Centre arrested five Chadian criminals accused of carrying out robberies during government-sanctioned curfew hours. The arrest came after local shop owners filed a complaint against the criminals who are wanted across security agencies. Following interrogations, the suspects confessed to robbing nine shops on Benghazi's Twenty Street, as well as selling a stolen laptop to an individual in Sabha. Separately, the Salawi Municipal Guard Apparatus seized several vegetable trucks for failing to cooperate with authorities assigned to inspect vehicles inside the vegetable market in Sidi Khalifa on 27 March.

6. What's next

LNA expands reach across West via alliances as fighting continues in Sirte

POLITICAL FORECAST

Political efforts to end the Libyan crisis are at a standstill. Locally, the recently-formed high council of Libyan tribes is due to hold another tribal gathering on 4th April. Saleh Al-Fendi, the head of the council confirmed the tribal gathering will include delegations from all Libyan segments of society, including women, to denounce Turkish intervention in Libya and express support for the LNA. Meanwhile, the coronavirus is proving to be a political crisis for the GNA. As the number of cases continues to rise, multiple municipalities have called into question the GNA's response. Some municipalities have even called for the resignation of the GNA's Health Minister and other officials. On the international front, the European Union (EU) joined the United States (US) Ambassador to Libya, Richard Norland, in calling for an immediate humanitarian truce to allow for Libya to focus on containing the coronavirus pandemic. In a statement, the EU called on Libyan factions to commit to the draft ceasefire agreement developed by the Joint Military Committee (5+5) talks in Geneva, Switzerland. Meanwhile, the EU military mission to enforce the UN arms embargo off Libya's coast, also called Irini, is reportedly on track to begin enforcing the UN arms embargo by April. Of note, Irini was initially encountering roadblocks, specifically related to the issue of rescuing of migrants off Libya's coast. Austria and Hungary wanted to immediately end the deployment of naval assets should a refugee boat be rescued off Libya's coast. Irini, the Greek word for "peace", was seen as a way for the EU to shore up its influence in Libya as a direct response to the growing Turkish-Russian involvement in Libya. The mission was initially slated to begin operating by early April 2020.

WHAT OTHER EXPERTS SAY

In a public letter, US Ambassador to Libya Richard Norland called Libyan leaders and the people to stop the fighting, pay public-sector salaries, and treat COVID-19 cases during these challenging times and exceptional circumstances. Ambassador Norland wrote "I am writing out of deep concern regarding a lethal threat to Libya that looms on the horizon. Without a robust, unified response, COVID-19 could rapidly provoke a widespread public health emergency, spreading sickness and death among the ranks of soldiers and civilians alike. We have not seen a global pandemic like this in over 100 years and ensuring that Libya survives it without catastrophic losses requires both courageous leadership and individual action." Ambassador Norland then called on the GNA and LNA to immediately suspend fighting, stating that "the best approach to concretize the humanitarian truce is for General Haftar to suspend his campaign on Tripoli, allowing both sides to return to the ceasefire framework established through UNSMIL's 5+5 negotiations in Geneva." On salaries, Ambassador Norland urged authorities to pay salaries immediately, especially for healthcare workers who are on the frontlines of the global fight against the coronavirus pandemic. The Ambassador called for a resumption of oil exports to provide funds to fight the pandemic but cautioned "... if Libya has any hope of securing international help after this virus strikes, there must be improvements made to institutions. Allowing an external audit of the Central Bank would be an easy move that would show the world that Libyan leaders are committed to transparency and fighting corruption; such an audit is ready to begin but for some reason it remains stuck. This can only hurt Libyans."

SECURITY FORECAST

GNA forces are unlikely to maintain their offensive course in light of the recent losses in the West and LNA's resumption of aerial sorties that limit GNA forces' reach. In Tripoli, the LNA's brief incursion into Abu Salim on 29 March corroborates LNA intent to continue the push northward from the central part of Tripoli's southern frontlines with the ultimate objective of reaching areas with key GNA ministries and buildings. LNA forces are expected to continue the push on this front in the medium term to advance on the Airport Road and Salah Al-Dein Road. Meanwhile, video footage across social media showed a previously undocumented pro-LNA group dubbed Abu Salim Protection Force vowing to take on Tripoli militias and Syrian mercenaries fighting in their ranks on 26 March. The worsening living conditions as a direct result of the oil blockade's squeeze on government spending, coupled with the spread of the coronavirus, are all expected to result in sporadic security incidents across the capital. West of Tripoli, the LNA's recent advances in the vicinity of Zuwara could prompt the latter to shift alliances in the medium term. LNA forces are now controlling access to/from the Ras Ajdir border crossing. The LNA is unlikely to favour a direct confrontation and will prioritize negotiations to win the hearts and minds of the remaining pro-GNA or neutral Amazigh factions across the West. The LNA will likely seek to obtain the buy-in of local factions by injecting funds in the Western region and working via the East-based government to address the needs of the population. While choking off Zuwara will strengthen the LNA's posture, the main target in the West will remain Zawiyah. In the central region, LNA forces have hinted at a push west towards Tawergha in the short term. For their part, GNA forces are yet to attack Tarhunah, despite a buildup of forces north of the town as part of Operation Storm of Peace.

LIBYANS AND THE ARAB STREET

On the 27th March, the EU's foreign policy chief, Joseph Borell, released a statement on **behalf of the EU on the situation in Libya**. **Borell declared** "The European Union and its Member States regret that the fighting has increased in Libya despite the international calls for a humanitarian truce to help contain the Coronavirus pandemic in the country. The challenging circumstances created by the Coronavirus pandemic make the need to halt the fighting in Tripoli and across the country even more urgent. We strongly condemn any attack against civilian population. We urge all the relevant Libyan actors to immediately stop the fighting and engage in reaching a political solution to the crisis. The leadership of the two parties should commit to the draft ceasefire agreement developed by the Joint Military Committee ("5+5") in the UNSMIL-facilitated Geneva talks, so that all available assets can be deployed in priority to contain the Coronavirus crisis. We condemn the use of civilian infrastructure for military purposes and call on all parties to respect human rights and international law. A truce would facilitate taking all the necessary steps to protect the Libyan population and the most vulnerable in the country, including the Libyan IDPs as well as migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in the detention centres, for whom the possible spread of the virus could have further catastrophic consequences. We strongly support and encourage efforts of Libyan health authorities to come together to assist the Libyan population. Health workers should be protected at all times. We call once again on all UN Member States to respect and uphold the UN arms embargo, to discontinue the influx of foreign fighters into Libya and to refrain from destabilising actions that could further deteriorate the already fragile situation in the country. All the Libyan parties need to engage constructively in the UN-facilitated intra-Libyan talks in order to agree on the implementation of urgent economic and financial measures, including the audit of the Central Bank of Libya and its branch in the East. It is also crucial to safeguard Libya's oil resources and protect its infrastructure in full compliance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions. Oil production should resume under the auspices of the National Oil Company (NOC) as a matter of urgency and its equitable distribution among all Libyan regions and in the interest of all Libyans should be ensured."

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