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Outlook

Short Term Outlook

- The Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (LPDF) is making some progress, especially in the military and economic tracks, however in general, it remains characterized by uncertainty. The north-west of Libya continues to see worsening political rifts as politicians vie for positions within a future government. The east remains unstable in the wake of the failed military offensive of 2019/20 with key individuals looking to rebrand, reposition, and rebuild their support bases, both domestically and internationally.
- The Sirte/Jufra frontline remains largely quiet as work goes on to establish an international ceasefire monitoring team in the area although tensions remain, and sporadic confrontations remain likely. The LNA has created a defensive line along the axis as it seeks to protect its hold over the oil crescent. The complexities in the southern region are resulting in a more fluid situation and it is more likely at present to see confrontations however not all of these will be driven by the national power struggle.
- With deepening rifts in the north-west, tensions between different armed groups and their patrons are expected to persist. These could lead to sporadic armed confrontations in the short to medium term as different power structures look to expand their areas of control and influence in Tripolitania.
- The risk posed by COVID-19 continues to effect Libya as well as movement in and out through Tunisia and Turkey. The situation remains dynamic and will continue to evolve over the longer term with localized restrictions been implemented with little to no notice. Levels of infection inside Libya have begun to increase again and globally, there is an increased threat from new strains of the virus which could cause further travel disruption however at present, PCR testing is helping to keep travel corridors open.
- Crime (including carjacking's, armed robberies, murders, and kidnappings) remain common in many areas of the country with perpetrators exploiting local gaps in security to carry out attacks. Crime reporting has seen an increase over the past few months in all regions.

Medium to Long Term Outlook

- The current political turmoil which has been driving a period of repositioning inside and outside Libya since the end of the 2019/20 conflict has taken on a new dimension with the inauguration of a new administration in the US. While the political process is seeing some progress under the auspices of the UN, gains remain fragile and progress can cause short term destabilization as the country and its stakeholders adjust. Should the LPDF fail, there would be a heightened threat of a return to hostilities while key international stakeholders could become increasingly assertive.
- Islamic State continues to suffer attrition in Libya and remains mostly dormant from an operational perspective. However, the ongoing fragmentation of the country and political instability will continue to create conditions in which the group could begin to reconstitute some of its capability. There were possible indications of an intent to try and re-establish an operational capability in Tripolitania at the end of 2020 with a possible aim of increasing tensions during political negotiations. Other terrorist factions also remain active with some representing a kidnap threat, especially in more remote areas, while some have exploited the last conflict with the LNA to embed themselves within security forces in Tripoli.

Executive Summary

Political Developments

- A mechanism for choosing an interim executive authority was agreed this week by the LPDF. Although the move is notable progress for the UN-led political track, the mechanism is complex and faces a number of potential pitfalls as it is put into action.

- The Tripoli Protection Force (TPF) rejected the agreement on the mechanism for appointing an interim executive authority. They urged Libyan parties to turn to Libyan-Libyan dialogue as soon as possible citing the “personal interferences of some UNSMIL members in redirecting the political track into some rhetoric that isn’t useful for all Libyans, but certain parties only.”
- The WHO has stated that Libya is ranked 110 out of 189 countries on its Human Development Index in its latest annual report. It categorized the country as a Grade 2 emergency with 1.3 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. It stated that Libya does not have “an acute emergency anymore and that there should be shift of focus from short term project-based funding to a Humanitarian, Development, Peace building nexus (HDPNx) approach.”
- Delegations from the HoR and HCS traveled to Cairo this week to discuss the constitution under the auspices of UNSMIL. The third round of discussions are to be held between February 09 and 11 where the delegations will meet with representatives of the High National Election Commission (HNEC) to discuss a date for the referendum and associated procedures.

Military Developments

- The January 23 deadline for all foreign fighters to be withdrawn from Libya has come and gone this week. Despite a last-minute plea from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, neither side has given any real indications that they were planning on complying with the clause which was part of the October 23, 2020 ceasefire.
- Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar, commander of the LNA, has held a number of meetings this week at his HQ in Rajma with both domestic and international stakeholders and entities.
- The LNA issued a warning against “any attempt to violate the sovereignty of Libyan territories, whether by penetrating the territorial waters, the land borders or the national airspace.’ The warning came after an alleged attempt by a foreign aircraft to enter Libyan airspace.

Security Developments

- Prime Minister Fayeze Sarraj (GNA) has established a new security unit called the Stability Support Unit (National Security) in Tripoli. Abdelghani al-Kikli (aka Ghneiwa) has been appointed as the new units’ commander which also has support from various other established Tripoli militias like TRB.
- Operation IRINI and FRONTEX are to boost their cooperation and exchange information, data, analyses, and satellite images. The agreement was signed via video conference and will help to track merchant ships suspected of violating the UN arms embargo on Libya. It will also strengthen the management of borders and training for the Libyan navy and coastguard.

Economy

- Al-Siddiq Al-Kabir, governor of the Central Bank, refused to open additional letters of credit for the supply of flour this week stating that those opened in 2020 were sufficient for the amount consumed in Libya. The refusal came after a Prime Minister (GNA) Fayeze Sarraj released a letter regarding opening new letters of credit to import flour, threatening to use frozen funds.
- The Central Bank has stated that oil revenues in Libya declined by 92% in 2020. This was largely due to the oil blockade which was lifted in September 2020 after a deal was struck between Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar and Ahmed Matig.

Migrant Crisis

- The head of the Kufra migrant detention centre, Mohammed El-Fadil, stated that he and his team had deported 120 migrants over the Sudanese border. Fadil stated some of those deported were convicted criminals and that he had been keen to ensure those being deported did not “flee across the desert.”
- The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Libya has confirmed that all migrants have been transferred from the Zintan detention centre to Tripoli after reports of dire living conditions.

Detainees were provided with relief items including food packages and will receive one-time financial aid to help them pay for rent and food. UNHCR has been calling for an end to the detention of migrants in Libya, with regular reports of abuse as well as inhumane living conditions.

Oil & Gas

- The western Petroleum Facilities Guard (PFG) denied reports early in the week that they had closed the Mellitah Complex and the Rayayna valves after some members had their field allowance cancelled. Earlier reports had claimed that the PFG had gone on strike at Mellitah and were threatening to close the Rayayna valves. They were also reported to be in communications with PFG at Zawiyah and were encouraging them to strike over a deduction of 520 dinars from their pay.
- On January 24, reports stated that the eastern PFG suspended oil exports from Sidra and Ras Lanuf in the oil crescent in protest against the non-payment of salaries. In addition, oil exports were also stopped in Hariga by the Tobruk oil facilities guard over the same issue.
- The NOC has authorized the establishment of two oil-blending plants, one in Benghazi and the other in Zawiyah. The plants will aim to raise the rates of mineral oil production lines to cover the needs of the local market.

Threat Matrix

Region	Political	Terrorism	Militancy	Crime	Kidnap
Tripolitania	High	Moderate-High	High	High	High
Tripoli	High	Moderate-High	High	High	High
Cyrenaica	High	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Moderate-High
Benghazi	High	Moderate-High	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate - High
Fezzan	High	High-Extreme	High-Extreme	High	High
Sabha	High	High-Extreme	High	High - Extreme	High

Threat Scale	Minimal	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
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Key Dates

Date	Occasion	Comment
January 28, 2021	Deadline for Presidential Council and Prime Minister candidates	
February 01 – 05, 2021	LPDF convenes in Switzerland to vote on Presidential Council and Prime Minister candidates	
February 09 - 11, 2021	Third round of the Constitution Track Committee discussions	With HNEC
February 17, 2021	Libya Revolution Day	Public Holiday
March 19, 2021	Commemoration of Victory over Gadhafi	Public Holiday
April 24, 2021	Beginning of Ramadan	+/- 1 day
May 01, 2021	May Day	Public Holiday

May 13 -15, 2021	Eid al-Fitr	Public Holiday
July 19, 2021	Day of Arafah	Public Holiday
July 20-22	Eid al-Adha	Public Holiday

Country Wide Incident Totals

Region	Incidents	Injuries	Fatalities	Kidnaps	Arrests
Tripolitania	52	9	11	4	14
Cyrenaica	21	1	14	13	5
Fezzan	37	1	4	4	0
Offshore	4	0	43	0	36
Grand Total	114	11	72	21	55

Assessment

Political Developments

UN: LPDF makes progress as UNSMIL warns against parallel processes

This week the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (LPDF) accepted a new mechanism to vote for a new interim executive authority. While this is progress that will allow the UN-led political track to move forward after the impasse from late December, significant hurdles remain.

The mechanism is complex and presents a number of possible pitfalls in the selection of a new presidential council and prime minister. In addition, various individuals and factions remain posed to be potential spoilers, with acting SRSG Stephanie Williams warning politicians not to bypass the LPDF or establish parallel processes. Williams also reiterated her position that UNSMIL will not be involved in deciding the candidates, and that their focus is on ensuring a process in which the Libyans make the decisions.

The vote is expected to take place between February 01 and 05 in Geneva, Switzerland. Candidates have a one-week period until January 28 to declare their intention to run for the three Presidential Council seats.

Coronavirus

This week saw cases increase by 4,600, bringing the total to 113,688. The number of deaths now stands at 1,763 (+98). Cases have begun to climb again over the last four weeks as many countries enter a second wave.

The Medical Advisory Committee in Benghazi is to implement new restrictions as cases increase. These include a two-week closure of cafes and event halls, no fans allowed at sports matches, and fines for citizens and shop owners not wearing masks. Mosques will remain open but with precautionary measures in place. The Supreme Advisory Committee to Combat Coronavirus in the west has

recommended closing educational institutions for three weeks and has stated they are looking at the possibility of restricting travel from countries with new strains of the virus.

Libya has finished preparations to receive a COVID-19 vaccine with 2.8 million doses expected to be delivered in May.

Regional Assessment

Tripolitania Region

Significant Incidents

- Armed Attack - Jan 17, Al-Murqub Province, Zliten: The Bin Hariz family reportedly carried out an armed attack on the Qrayba family using multiple weapon systems. The attack was revenge for the murder of Yusef Bin Hariz by someone from the Qrayba family the day before.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 18 00:00, Misrata Province, Bani Walid: A body was found by the General Administration of Central Support.
- SAF - Jan 18 15:30, Misrata Province, Bani Walid: SAF was reported in the area near the Republic Bank.
- Armed Robbery - Jan 18 22:30, Tripoli Province, Bab Ben Ghashir: Three armed perpetrators robbed a gold shop. CCTV footage of the incident shows the perpetrators attacking the shop assistant as he followed them inside after been on the phone outside the shop. A customer was also dragged into the shop and assaulted during the robbery in which the thieves targeted the safe.
- Arrest - Jan 18 23:00, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Jadu: Jadu Security Directorate arrested two people for possession of a stolen vehicle at the western entrance to Jadu.
- Accident - Jan 18 23:00, Az Zawiyah Province, Naval Academy: A fire caused an explosion at the Naval Academy which resulted in the fire spreading to the neighbouring Tawergha camp for displaced persons. Three people were killed including the commander of the Naval Academy, Brigadier General Ahmed Ayoub, and the commander of the Naval College, Brigadier General Salem Abu Salah. A further five were injured.
- Armed Robbery - Jan 18 23:30, Tripoli Province, Hay Andalous: Armed men on a motorbike carried out a robbery near the Al Wahat Centre.
- Arrest - Jan 18 23:50, Tripoli Province, Ghut Al-Shaal: An unidentified individual was arrested by the Tripoli Security Directorate for the murders of three people in Ajaylat in 2016.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 19, Tripoli Province, Draiby: Two brothers were murdered in the area.
- Other - Jan 19 14:00, Misrata Province, Misrata: Third Force entered the Brega Fuel Distribution Company shutting it down in protest at the suspension of their salaries four years ago.
- Carjacking - Jan 19 15:00, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Ash Shwayrif: An armed carjacking was reported in the area.
- Arrest - Jan 19 15:30, Nuqat Al-Khams Province, Ajaylat: An unidentified individual was arrested accused of drugs trafficking. They were also in possession of five kilos of cannabis.
- SAF - Jan 20 00:00, Tripoli Province, Qaser Bin Ghashir: SAF was reported in the area.
- Mass Grave - Jan 20, Al-Murqub Province, Tarhunah: A new mass grave was found in Tarhunah. This is the latest of a series of mass graves uncovered in the city which many have blamed on the Kani Militia which had control until they were ousted in 2020 by GNA forces as the LNA pulled back.
- Other - Jan 20 11:00, Nuqat Al-Khams Province, Watiyah Air Base: A security force member was reported as missing.
- Kidnap - Jan 20 13:00, Al-Murqub Province, Khoms: A Libyan national was subjected to a suspected kidnapping.
- Mine Strike - Jan 20 14:00, Tripoli Province, Sidi Sayeh: A scrap metal truck exploded killing the driver and wounding two others. It is assessed that the truck was carrying an explosive device which had been picked up in error as scrap metal.
- Arrest - Jan 20 15:30, Nuqat Al-Khams Province, Ras Ajdir: An unidentified individual was arrested at the border crossing for the murder of his brother in Draiby, Tripoli on January 19. The man faces charges of premeditated murder and possession of a weapon without a license.

- Carjacking - Jan 20 16:30, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Ash Shwayrif: An armed carjacking took place.
- Arrest - Jan 20 16:30, Tripoli Province, Gargaresh: A Libyan national was arrested in the Gargaresh area in possession of around 3,500 ecstasy pills.
- Weapons Find - Jan 20 23:00, Tripoli Province, Ghut Al-Shaal: A security officer reportedly found explosives and ammunition.
- SAF - Jan 21 00:00, Tripoli Province, Hamza Camp: SAF was reported near Hamza Camp. The area sits on a current faultline between 301 Battalion and Central Support Department (Abu Salim) with tensions persisting however local reports suggest that the SAF was connected to either a wedding or a celebration by Central Support Department members (Ghneiwa).
- Crime - Jan 21, Tripoli Province, Swani: 900m of electrical wires were stolen causing a loss of supply to around 12 transformers on the Swani distribution circuit.
- Kidnap - Jan 21 15:30, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Ash Shwayrif: An unknown number of suspected kidnappings were reported in the area in retaliation for a recent spate of armed robberies.
- Kidnap - Jan 21 21:30, Al-Murqub Province, Sidi al-Saeid: A suspected kidnapping of a Libyan national was reported in the area.
- Armed Attack - Jan 22, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Yefren: Three fuel smuggling trucks were targeted resulting in fires near the Wadi al-Athl bridge, north of Yefrin City. It is unclear what was used but it may have been a drone attack or RPG.
- Arrest - Jan 22 14:30, Az Zawiyah Province, Sabratah: Two brothers were detained by CID (al-Far) from Zawiyah. The two brothers are from the Abu Sabie family and have family in 65 Battalion (Salafist). The kidnap led to the issuance of a statement by the municipality to Prime Minister (GNA) Sarraj and the UN stating there had been a deterioration in security since the takeover of the city by GNA forces in 2020.
- Armed Robbery - Jan 22 15:30, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Ash Shwayrif: An armed robbery was reported in the area.
- Arrest - Jan 22 20:30, Al-Murqub Province, Zliten: An unidentified individual was arrested in possession of two kilos of cannabis.
- CP/ Roadblock - Jan 23 15:15, Misrata Province, Karareem Checkpoint: The Karareem Checkpoint was closed by armed groups from Abu Grain and Washka over non-payment of salaries. Two pick-up trucks were stationed across the road as a temporary barrier.
- SAF - Jan 23 15:40, Sirte Province, Sirte: SAF was reported in the area.
- Arrest - Jan 23 22:00, Tripoli Province, Gypsum Gate: Three people were arrested on suspicion of armed robbery.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 23 22:00, Nuqat Al-Khams Province, Ajaylat: Two people were murdered.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 23 23:30, Sirte Province, Wadi Jurf: A Libyan national was shot by an armed group after they attacked his farm.

Cyrenaica Region

Significant Incidents

- Demonstration - Jan 17, Kufra Province, Rebyana: Locals protested "dire" living conditions and a three month long black out with the oasis's 4000 residents living on a 1.5 generator. There has been an accusation that the residents of Al Tabawi are been systematically marginalized after they refused to move to Kufra and Sibeya. Reports indicate that 13 villages have disappeared in the last 50 years, the last of which was Arben/Bezema.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 17 16:00, Benghazi Province, As Sabri: Two bodies were reportedly found with gunshot wounds and handcuffed.
- Kidnap - Jan 18 00:00, Benghazi Province, Salmani: An attempted kidnapping was reported of a Libyan national.
- Armed Attack - Jan 18 23:00, Benghazi Province, 20 Street: The head of the Criminal Research Department and another officer were shot at during a traffic stop on 20 Street.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 19 13:30, Benghazi Province, Qar Yunis: A body was found with a bullet wound to the head and still wearing handcuffs near the Tourist Village.


- Armed Robbery - Jan 19 16:00, Benghazi Province, Jamal Abdel Nasser Street: The Al Karami Clothing Store was targeted in an armed robbery with shots reportedly fired.
- Armed Robbery - Jan 19 20:30, Benghazi Province, Salmani: The Alqla gaming store was targeted in an armed robbery.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 20, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: The body of Kamal Al-Amami, a businessman, was found in Al-Zait Street days after he was reported to have been kidnapped. He was found along with three other bodies which have yet to be identified. All bore signs of torture and bullet wounds.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 20 14:00, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: Three bodies were found in Iraq Street.
- Demonstration - Jan 21, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: Employees from Libyan Airlines protested against the continued detention of one of their aircraft in Misrata and the suspension of their pay over the last 16 months.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 21 13:30, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: Two people were murdered.
- Arrest - Jan 21 13:30, Kufra Province, Kufra: Four foreign nationals were arrested for possession of alcohol and drugs.
- Security Operation - Jan 22 12:30, Benghazi Province, Bohdema: Security forces carried out a raid on an alcohol distillery resulting in shots fired.
- Carjacking - Jan 22 14:30, Benghazi Province, Qaminis: An armed carjacking took place.
- Armed Robbery - Jan 22 15:30, Al-Wahat Province, Brega: A Libyan national travelling through Brega was targeted in an armed robbery and subsequently stabbed.
- Kidnap - Jan 22 20:30, Al-Marj Province, Marj: A suspected kidnapping took place of a Libyan national.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 23 10:00, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: A body was found handcuffed and with signs of torture.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 23 15:20, Benghazi Province, Abyar: A Libyan national was murdered in a dispute.
- Arrest - Jan 23 15:30, Benghazi Province, Abyar: A suspect was arrested in connection to a murder which happened during a dispute.
- Security Operation - Jan 23 23:00, Al-Wahat Province, Jalu: Security forces targeted foreign nationals driving without the appropriate permits and seized vehicles.

Fezzan Region

Significant Incidents

- Armed Robbery - Jan 17 15:20, Sabha Province, Sabha: Three armed robberies were reported which saw at least one person shot in the Sabha Sports area.
- SAF - Jan 17 16:30, Sabha Province, Gamel Abdel Nasser Road: A Libyan national was shot on the Gamal Abdel Nasser Road.
- Armed Clash - Jan 17 17:50, Wadi Al-Shatii Province, Brak al-Shati: Armed clashes resumed near the Brak Hotel.
- SAF - Jan 17 20:00, Sabha Province, Sabha: SAF was reported in the area.
- Arrest - Jan 18, Murzuq Province, Kouri Bougoudi: The Chadian military arrested 16 gold miners in the Kouri Bougoudi area near the border with Libya.
- Armed Robbery - Jan 18 01:30, Sabha Province, Sabha: An armed robbery took place on Forty Street.
- Armed Robbery - Jan 18 13:00, Sabha Province, Tayouri: An armed robbery resulted in the death of a Libyan national.
- SAF - Jan 18 22:00, Sabha Province, Sabha: An individual was shot at near the Pizza Hut restaurant.
- SAF - Jan 18 22:00, Sabha Province, Gamel Abdel Nasser Road: Police chased a stolen vehicle resulting in shots fired.
- Armed Attack - Jan 19 14:00, Sabha Province, Sabha: An armed group attacked an unidentified farm.

- Carjacking - Jan 19 15:00, Sabha Province, Sabha: An armed carjacking was reported in the area.
- SAF - Jan 19 23:30, Sabha Province, Mahdia: SAF was reported in the vicinity of Columbia Street.
- SAF - Jan 20 14:00, Sabha Province, Jadid Agricultural Area: A car chase took place in the Al Jadid Agricultural area with SAF reported. One person was wounded.
- Armed Robbery - Jan 20 16:00, Sabha Province, Mahdia: Armed robbers who were mobile in a vehicle carried out an armed robbery.
- SAF - Jan 20 20:00, Sabha Province, Columbia Street: SAF was reported in the Columbia Street area.
- SAF - Jan 20 22:00, Sabha Province, Wide Street: Unidentified persons opened fire on a vehicle before setting it on fire.
- SAF - Jan 20 23:30, Sabha Province, Qurdah Square: SAF was reported in the Qurdah area.
- Crime - Jan 21, Al-Jufra Province, Jufra: 1650m of electrical wires were stolen from the Diabat line.
- SAF - Jan 21 15:00, Sabha Province, Hijarah: SAF was reported in the area.
- Carjacking - Jan 21 15:00, Sabha Province, Sabha: A cement truck was targeted in an armed carjacking. The driver was also kidnapped in the incident.
- Troop Movements - Jan 21 16:00, Sabha Province, Alnamlaa Street: An armed group mobilised in the Alnamlaa Street area.
- SAF - Jan 21 16:00, Sabha Province, Alnamlaa Street: SAF was associated with a mobilisation in the Alnamlaa Street area.
- RPG - Jan 21 20:30, Sabha Province, Mansheya: An RPG impacted into the area.
- SAF - Jan 21 20:30, Sabha Province, Sabha: An unidentified individual was reportedly shot.
- Armed Robbery - Jan 22 11:30, Sabha Province, Sabha Faculty of Arts: A Libyan national was targeted in an armed robbery near the Faculty of Arts.
- Armed Robbery - Jan 22 12:30, Sabha Province, Hijarah: A food store was targeted in an armed robbery.
- Kidnap - Jan 22 20:30, Sabha Province, Sabha: Two Libyan nationals were reportedly kidnapped for ransom.
- Murder/ Execution - Jan 22 21:30, Wadi Al-Shatii Province, Wadi Al-Shatii: A Libyan national was shot.
- Carjacking - Jan 22 22:30, Sabha Province, Hijarah: An armed carjacking took place.
- Carjacking - Jan 23 14:00, Sabha Province, Jadid: An armed carjacking was reported near the al-Jadid condominiums.
- Armed Robbery - Jan 23 15:00, Sabha Province, Ramla Mosque: A Niger national was targeted in an armed robbery near the Ramla Mosque.
- Kidnap - Jan 23 18:10, Sabha Province, Mahdia: A Libyan national was kidnapped triggering a response from local security forces.



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Acronym List

AQ - Al-Qaeda
BAM – Al Bunyan Al Marsous (Misratan-led)
BDB – Benghazi Defense Brigade / Saraya Defend Benghazi (SDB) (Al Qaeda-aligned – AAS and RSCB associated/umbrella group)
CBL – Central Bank of Libya
CNI – Critical National Infrastructure
DACOCT - Deterrence Apparatus for Combating Organized Crime and Terrorism
DDR - Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration
DF – Direct Fire
DPF – Derna Protection Force (an amalgamation of all militias in Derna, including the MSCD)
GECOL – General Electricity Company of Libya
GMMR – Great Man-made River
GNA – Government of National Accord (UN-backed)
GNC – General National Congress
HNEC – High National Elections Commission
HoR – House of Representatives (Tobruk-based)
IDF – Indirect Fire
IDP - Internally Displaced Persons
IED - Improvised Explosive Device
IOC - International Oil Company
IS - Islamic State
LIFG – Libyan Islamic Fighting Group
LNA – Libyan National Army
LNG – Libyan National Guard
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
MoI - 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 Organisation (aid/charity)
NOC – National Oil Company
NSG – National Salvation Government (GNC)
NSTR - Nothing Significant To Report
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)
SDF – Rada Deterrence Force/ Special Deterrence Force/ Rada
Technical - An improvised weapon-mounted pick-up truck
TPF – Tripoli Protection Force (TRB, Nawasi, Bab Tajoura Brigade and Ghneiwa umbrella group)
UXO - Unexploded Ordnance

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