

Weekly Digest

Libya

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Weekly Highlights

- Italy's Eni lifts exploration force majeure on three Libyan gas sites
- Al-Manqoush reiterates need to avoid security chaos in the region as Niger crisis deepens
- Italy's ENI Lifts Force Majeure on Exploration Assets in Libya
- New uncertainty as Libya's High State Council replaces leader in televised vote
- Haftar & Al-Mnifi Discuss Preparations for "Fair" Elections

Currency Exchange:

- Bank exchange rate: USD 1 – LYD 4.806
- Black market exchange rate: USD 1 – LYD 5.13



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IN THE NEWS

Italy's Eni lifts exploration force majeure on three Libyan gas sites

Italian energy company, Eni, formalized Thursday with its Libyan counterpart National Oil Corporation (NOC) the revocation of force majeure status on exploration areas A and B (onshore), and C (offshore), where Eni was the operator with a 42.5% stake, along with BP, 42.5%, and the Libyan Investment Authority with 15%. "Force Majeure, declared in 2014, was revoked following the completion by Eni of a Security Risk Assessment to assess the security conditions in the areas where the exploration program will be carried out; this study yielded positive results." Eni said. [Libya Observer](#)

Al-Manqoush reiterates need to avoid security chaos in the region as Niger crisis deepens

Foreign Minister Najla Al-Manqoush has discussed developments in Niger during a phone call with her Chadian counterpart, Mohamed Salih Al-Nathif, the FM said. She confirmed the convergence of both countries' positions on "rejecting the coup" and "disrupting the democratic path in Niger." According to Al-Manqoush, the top Chadian diplomat briefed her on the ECOWAS Group initiative, affirming Libya's support for the bloc's proposal and the importance of avoiding a breakdown of security in the region. [Libya Observer](#)

Italy's ENI Lifts Force Majeure on Exploration Assets in Libya

Italian oil company, Eni and Libya's National Oil Corporation (NOC) officially lifted the force majeure status on exploration areas A and B (onshore), and C (offshore) in Libya. Eni, as the operator with a 42.5% stake, along with BP and the Libyan Investment Authority (LIA), will now be able to resume contract activities in these exploration basins. It said in a statement that the decision came after it conducted a Security Risk Assessment. This was to evaluate the security conditions in the areas, which yielded positive results. The revocation of force majeure allows Eni to recommence exploration operations in basins, which are close to Wafa's gas facilities. Eni is a major player in Libya's gas sector, accounting for 80% of the country's national production. [Libya Review](#)

New uncertainty as Libya's High State Council replaces leader in televised vote

Libya's High State Council (HSC) consultative body replaced its leader in a televised vote, adding new uncertainty to a political standoff over control of government and the path to elections. HSC members chose Mohammed Takala in a run-off by 67 votes to 62, ousting Khalid al-Mishri who had led the Tripoli-based body since 2018. Mishri congratulated Takala on his win. The HSC and the HoR have been negotiating a path to elections under UN pressure, but they have both sought to replace the interim government in Tripoli before any national vote. [Libya Observer](#)

Haftar & Al-Mnifi Discuss Preparations for "Fair" Elections

the Commander-in-Chief of the Libyan National Army (LNA), Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar received the Head of the Libyan Presidential Council, Mohamed Al-Mnifi in Benghazi. The meeting discussed ways to create suitable conditions for "fair Parliamentary and Presidential elections." As well as evaluating "strategies to address national security challenges along the Libyan borders." During the meeting, the two leaders emphasized the importance of "establishing an environment conducive to holding transparent and inclusive elections, enabling the Libyan people to choose their representatives freely." [Libya Review](#)



USEFUL INFORMATION







List of holidays in Libya 2023







Date	Day	Name	Type
17 Feb	Friday	Libyan Revolution Day	Public Holiday
1 May	Monday	May Day	Public Holiday
22 Apr	Saturday	Eid al-Fitr	Public Holiday
22 Apr	Saturday	Eid al-Fitr Holiday	Public Holiday
22 Apr	Saturday	Eid al-Fitr Holiday	Public Holiday
28 Jun	Wednesday	Day of Arafah	Public Holiday
29 Jun	Thursday	Eid al-Adha	Public Holiday
29 Jun	Thursday	Eid al-Adha	Public Holiday
29 Jun	Thursday	Eid al-Adha	Public Holiday
19 Jul	Wednesday	Muharram	Public Holiday
16 Sep	Saturday	Martyrs' Day	Public Holiday
27 Sep	Wednesday	The Prophet's Birthday	Public Holiday
23 Oct	Monday	Liberation Day	Public Holiday
24 Dec	Sunday	Independence Day	Public Holiday

Exchange rates – Libyan Dinar.

According to our most recent information 7th August 2023 the Libyan Dinar has the following exchange rates.

The exchange rate from your own bank or Credit Card Company will differ somewhat from the exchange rates as mentioned above. Your bank or Credit Card Company might also apply additional international charges.

BANK EXCHANGE RATE			
Currency	Buying	Selling	
 	LYD 4.7821	LYD 4.806	
 	LYD 6.0867	LYD 6.1126	
 	LYD 5.2493	LYD 5.2756	

BLACK MARKET EXCHANGE RATE			
Currency	Buying	Selling	
 	LYD	LYD 5.13	
 	LYD	LYD 6.50	
 	LYD	LYD 5.56	



LIBYA SECURITY & RISK LEVELS

The current Travel Advise: Security Alert as of 13th July 2023		Level 4	Advisory: Do Not Travel
1	Exercise normal precautions	2	Exercise increased caution
3	Reconsider travel	4	Do not travel

Political situation

The political situation in Libya remains fragile and the security situation remains dangerous and unpredictable. Uncertainty about when postponed Libyan elections will take place is likely to heighten tensions throughout the country, which may lead to security incidents such as inter-militia clashes and oil blockades.

Humanitarian crisis

The ongoing political impasse and conflict has seriously affected public infrastructure and services, resulting in power cuts, water, fuel, food and cash shortages, absence of medicines, and high inflation.

Crime

There's a very high risk of criminal kidnap for ransom in Tripoli and coastal towns to the West of Tripoli. There's an elevated risk of kidnap for ransom and arbitrary detention by local militias throughout Libya.

Road travel

Road travel within Libya remains highly dangerous. There continues to be a risk of being caught up in outbreaks of hostilities. There's also a high risk of carjacking and robbery.

Air travel

Flights to and from all airports in Libya are likely to be cancelled at short notice.

If you decide to travel to Libya:

- Carry proof of citizenship and valid immigration status at all times.
- Avoid demonstrations and crowds.
- Make contingency plans to leave.
- Consider consulting with a professional security organization.
- Develop a communication plan with family and/or your employer or host organization.

Threat	Tripolitania - Risk Level	Fezzan – Risk Level	Cyrenaica – Risk Level
Terrorism	Moderate	High	Moderate
Militancy	High-Extreme	High-Extreme	Moderate
Crime	High	High	Moderate
Political	Extreme-High	High	High
K&R	High	High	Moderate





LIBYA - INCIDENT MAPPING: 1st August 2023 – 7th August 2023





LIBYA - SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS IN DETAIL: 1st August 2023 – 7th August 2023

No	Date	Type	Actor 1	Actor 2	Sub-Region	Location	Latitude Longitude	Details	Fatalities
1	7 th August 23	Incident	GNU	Migrant	Tripolitania	Tunisia/Border	32.956364 , 11.515343	The head of the National Human Rights Committee in Libya, Ahmed Hamza, has revealed that the number of immigrant bodies found in the Libyan-Tunisian border area reached 12, including children, after two bodies found.	12
2	6 th August 23	Incident	Civilians	Civilians	Tripolitania	Sabha	27.065102 , 14.482948	3 Killed in Traffic Accident in Libya's Sabha, A devastating car crash in Sabha City tragically resulted in the death of three individuals who were burnt alive	3
3	5 th August 23	Announcement	Tunisian authorities	Migrants	Tripolitania	Border	32.188625 , 11.009633	Migrants continue to pour into Libya following expulsions from Tunisia, Hundreds of migrants from Africa continue to arrive in Libya daily amid high temperatures, after Tunisian authorities began conducting mass expulsions in, according to the U.N. and humanitarian groups.	0
4	4 th August 23	Announcement	Abdul Hadi Al-Hwaij	Migrants	Tripolitania	Countrywide	-	Libya's Foreign Minister of the government-designate, Abdul Hadi Al-Hwaij, reasserted that the nation will not serve as a settlement for "illegal" migrants.	0
5	3 rd August 23	Announcement	SDF	Drug Dealer	Tripolitania	Tripoli	32.836065 , 13.220290	In Tripoli city, a Special Deterrence Force SDF soldier was killed during an operation to arrest a drug dealer, no other casualties was reported.	0
6	2 nd August 23	Announcement	The Libyan Attorney General's	Criminals	Tripolitania	Al-Zawiya	32.761273 , 12.729100	Libyan AG's Office apprehends 39 people wanted in different cases in Al-Zawiya. the number of wanted persons arrested in Al-Zawiya included the perpetrators of murder and kidnapping.	0
7	1 st August 23	Incident	Security authorities	Pakistani migrants	Cyrenaica	Tobruk	32.074376 , 23.919391	Security authorities in eastern Libya freed at least 385 Pakistani migrants who were held in trafficking warehouses in an overnight raid, a migrant rights group said.	0



Libyan Border Guards: Two Unidentified Bodies Found Near Tunisian Borders: Libyan Border Guards have confirmed that their patrols have found two unidentified bodies of illegal immigrants. The guards stated that the bodies were discovered during security patrols in the border security zone. The patrols were inspecting the area to prevent the flow and entry of migrants, who are being deported by Tunisian authorities and forcing them to enter Libyan territory. According to the guards, one of the bodies was found near the Ain Al-Naga checkpoint, and the other near the Abu Al-Sharif checkpoint. The guards have reported the incident to the Assa police station, and the public prosecutor's office to take the necessary measures. This tragic incident highlights the risks that many African migrants undertake in search of a better life. [Libya Review](#)



Libyan AG's Office apprehends 39 people wanted in different cases in Al-Zawiya: The Libyan Attorney General's (AG) Office said on Tuesday that the number of wanted persons arrested in Al-Zawiya had reached 39, including the perpetrators of murder and kidnapping. The AG's Office added that those who were arrested had been wanted for years and managed to escape for a while before they were apprehended again, pointing out that some of them had 14 criminal records. It said that the arrest of the wanted persons came as a follow-up to the investigation authority's orders to arrest those who committed many crimes and had been fugitives for quite some time. [Libya Observer](#)

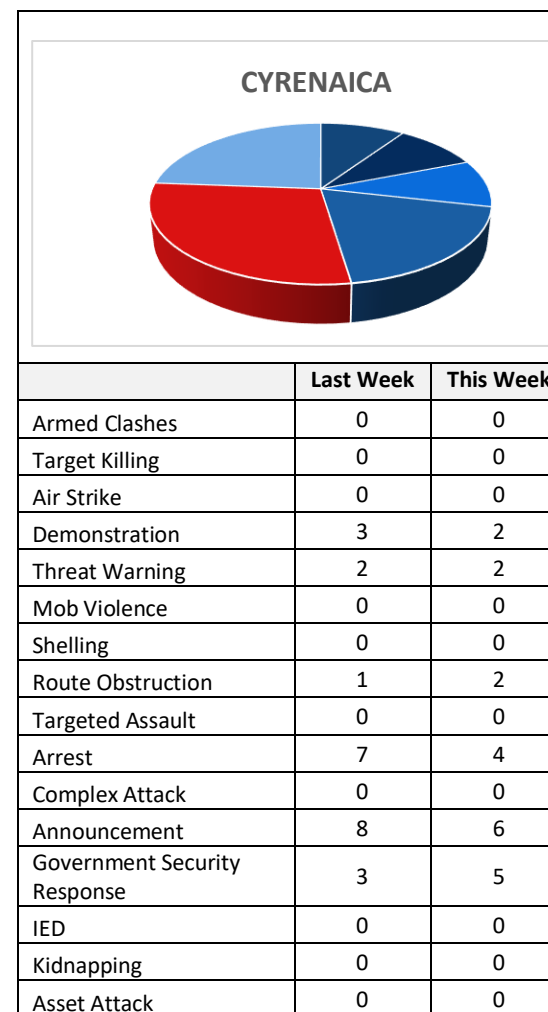
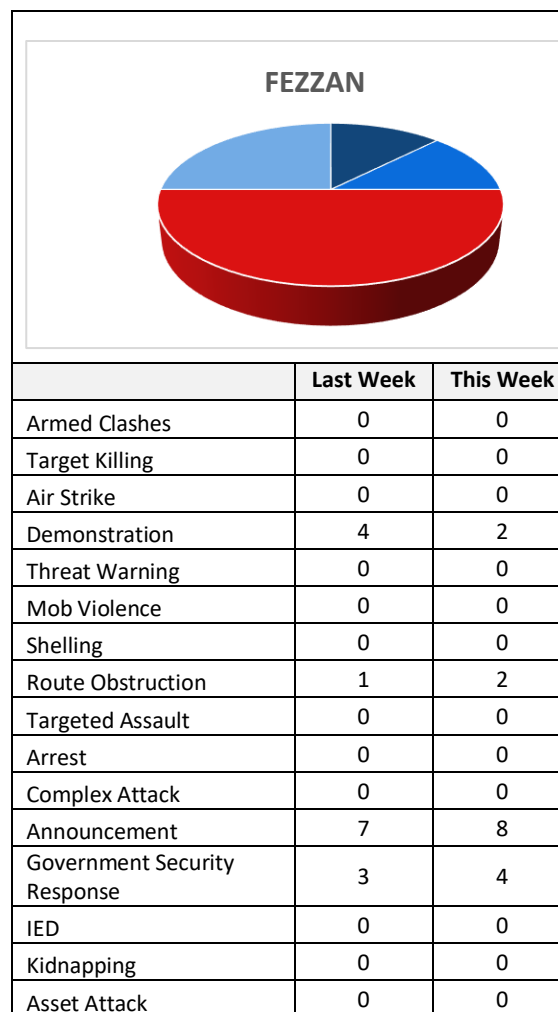
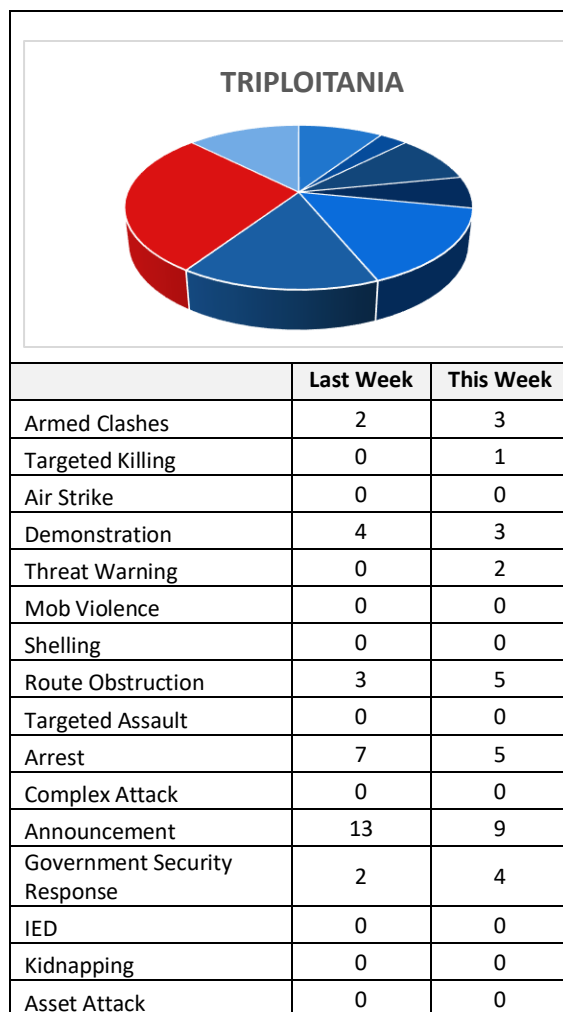
Libya's Attorney General Calls for Release of Hannibal Gaddafi: Libyan Attorney General, Al-Siddiq Al-Sour has urged the Lebanese authorities to release Hannibal Gaddafi, emphasising his declining health, and need for intensive care. Al-Sour also urged the Lebanese authorities to "activate mechanisms for his extradition to Libya, according to Lebanese penal laws, or enable him to leave for his country of refuge." Al-Sour further proposed cooperation over the case of the disappearance of Islamic cleric, Musa Al-Sadr, calling on the Libyan Public Prosecutor's Office to provide a legal assistance request. [Libya Review](#)



Nigerian delegation seeking peaceful ending for coup in Niger to visit Libya, Algeria: President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of Nigeria, currently heading the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), will send envoys to Libya and Algeria to discuss the crisis in Niger, the Nigerian Presidency said in a statement. According to the statement, a delegation headed by Ambassador Babagana Kingibe will discuss with the Libyan and Algerian authorities how to end the military coup peacefully in Niamey. Tinubu underscored the need for a solid interaction among all relevant parties to achieve a final and peaceful settlement of the situation in Niger. ECOWAS demanded on July 30 that Bazoum be immediately released and restored to office, warning to take action if the bloc's demands were not met within a week. [Libya Observer](#)



REGIONAL REPORTED INCIDENT NUMBERS: 1st August 2023 – 7th August 2023





POLITICAL OVERVIEW:

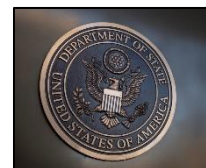
Libya, Italy reviews cooperation in local governance: The Minister of Local Government, Badr Al-Din Al-Toumi, discussed with the Italian Ambassador, Gianluca Alberini bilateral issues including ongoing cooperation to promote local government in Libya during a meeting in Tripoli. Minister Al-Toumi highlighted the depth of the Libyan-Italian relations, which he said saw substantial development during the Government of National Unity administration, as he hailed Italy for its decision to open its airspace to Libyan aviation ending a decade-long ordeal. They further touched upon the projects between the two countries in general and exchanged notes on how to provide support and raise sound inquiries to ensure the continuation and success of their progress. [Libya Observer](#)



GNU calls for peaceful transfer of power in Niger: The Government of National Unity (GNU) has called on parties in Niger to restraint, refrain from the use of force, and take the only way to change, which is respect for the constitution and the law, by following peaceful transfer of power. "We in Libya, and as we look with great anticipation and concern at the development of the unfortunate events in Niger, we affirm our support for the path of returning to the constitutional order, and respect for the legitimacy represented by President Mohamed Bazoum", GNU said. [Libya Observer](#)



Corruption remains deeply rooted in Libya: The United States Department of State has released Investment Climate Statements, including a report on Libya, in which it notes corruption as one of the key factors driving foreign investments away. The report released that said "Libya has a very unclear and non-transparent regulatory system, and the roles and duties of its government institutions are not well defined." It went on to say that the country ranked very low in international Transparency lists, including in the "Ease of Doing Business" Index by the World Bank and Transparency International, which ranked Libya 171 out of 180 countries. [Libya Observer](#)



Libyan MP Accuses Foreign Ministry of Corruption: Member of Parliament (MP), Ali Al-Sabaai, lambasted the current state of corruption within the Foreign Ministry led by Najla Mangoush. Drawing attention to the unprecedented levels of wrongdoing, Al-Sabaai expressed his concern over the mismanagement and malpractices within the Ministry. Al-Sabaai stated, "what is happening within the foreign ministry is an unprecedented, peculiar, and reprehensible form of corruption." This revelation is bound to raise eyebrows and steer the conversation around governance and accountability within the nation's political spectrum. Libyan MP Abdel-Moneim Al-Arfi said that granting the Audit Bureau the authority to monitor contracts, since 2012 "has opened the door to corruption." He indicated that the Audit Bureau "receives bribes or commissions, according to reports received from monitoring agencies." [Libya Review](#)





AIRPORTS & BORDERS STATUS

Mitiga International Airport



Status:

Open

Misrata International Airport



Status:

Open

Benina International Airport



Status:

Open

Ras Ajdir Border Crossing



Status:

Open

Wazin Border Crossing



Status:

Open

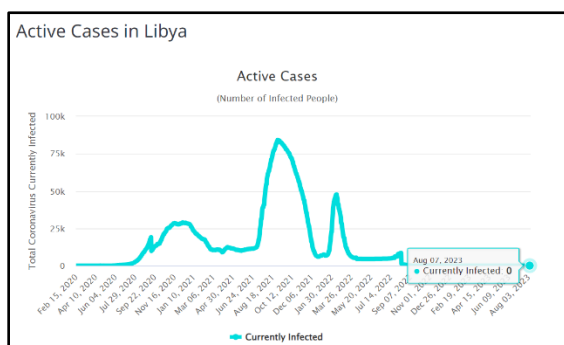
Gateway Emsaed (Musaid)



Status:

Open

Libya COVID Statistics as of 7th August 2023 (covid-19)



Confirmed Cases: 507,266

Deaths: 6,437

Recovered: 500,829

Total cases: 0

7-day avg: 0

[Worldmeters.info](https://www.worldmeters.info/libya/covid19)



MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

Recommended Travel Vaccinations for Libya

VACCINE	HOW DISEASE SPREADS	DETAILS
Hepatitis A	Food & Water	Recommended for most travellers.
Hepatitis B	Blood & Body Fluids	Accelerated schedule available.
Typhoid	Food & Water	Shot lasts 2 years. Oral vaccine lasts 5 years, must be able to swallow pills. Oral doses must be kept in refrigerator.
Yellow Fever	Mosquito	Required if traveling from a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.
Rabies	Saliva of Infected Animals	High risk country. Vaccine recommended for long-term travellers and those who may come in contact with animals.
Polio	Food & Water	Required if arriving from a polio-endemic country or if you have spent 4 weeks in Afghanistan or Pakistan in the last 12 months. Considered a routine vaccination for most travel itineraries. Single adult booster recommended.

Routine Vaccinations for Libya

VACCINE	HOW DISEASE SPREADS	DETAILS
Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR)	Various Vectors	Given to anyone unvaccinated and/or born after 1957. One-time adult booster recommended.
TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis)	Wounds & Airborne	Only one adult booster of pertussis required.
Chickenpox	Direct Contact & Airborne	Given to those unvaccinated that did not have chickenpox.
Shingles	Direct Contact	Vaccine can still be given if you have had shingles.
Pneumonia	Airborne	Two vaccines given separately. All 65+ or immunocompromised should receive both.
Influenza	Airborne	Vaccine components change annually.
Meningitis	Airborne & Direct Contact	Required for entry to the country.



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