

Libya (5)

Weekly Brief
22nd – 28th March 2017

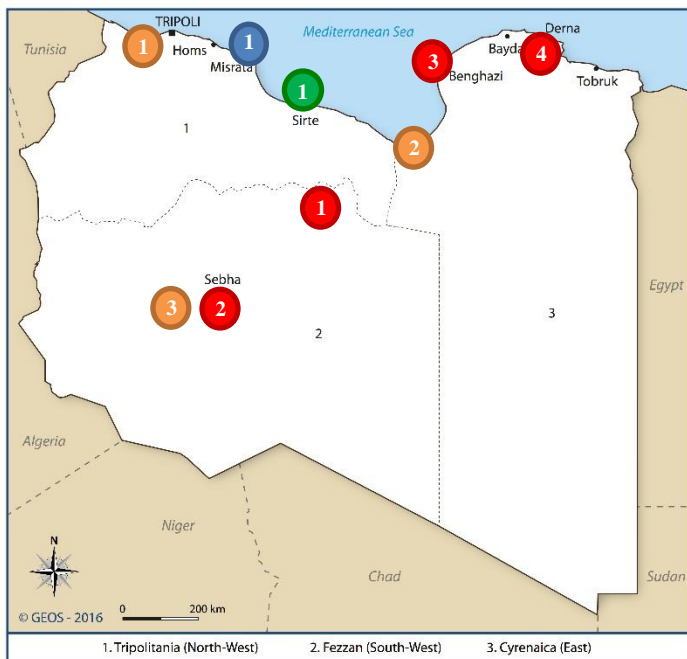


Trend over the previous week		
Crime	→	5
Terrorism	→	5
Kidnapping	↑	5
Fighting	→	5

Risk rating: 1: **Low**; 2: **Moderate**; 3: **Significant**; 4: **High**; 5: **Very high**

- Tripoli / Security situation still unstable
- Tripoli / Expected progressive return in the coming months of the United Nations
- Gulf of Sirte (north) / Strategic site takeover by the LNA but volatility of the local context
- Cyrenaica / Progressive resumption of the total control of Benghazi by the forces of Marshall Haftar
- South / Instability mainly due to fighting in Sebha area

I. Major incidents of the week



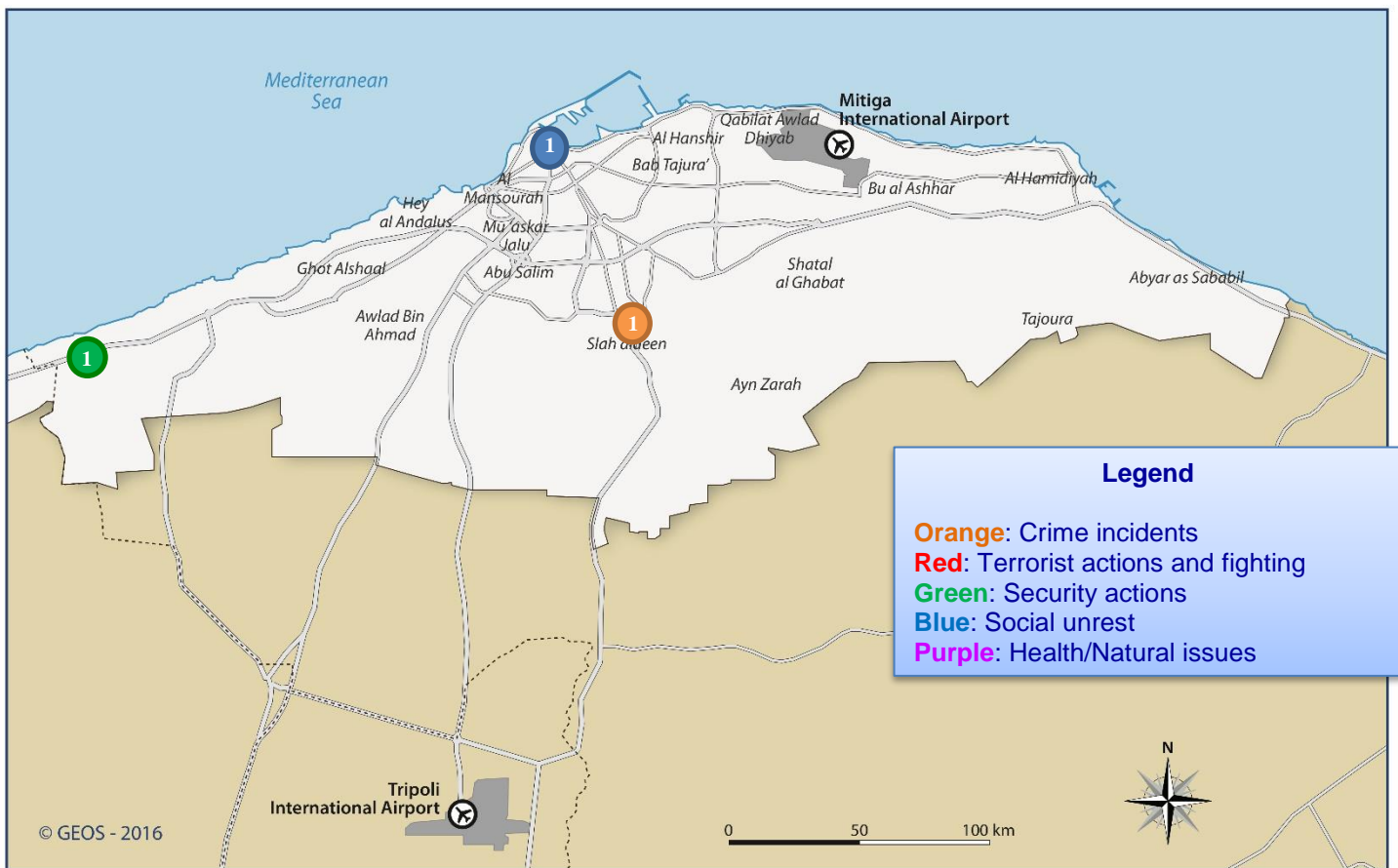
Legend

- Orange: Crime incidents
- Red: Terrorist actions and fighting
- Green: Security actions
- Blue: Social unrest
- Purple: Health/Natural issues

- 1** 27th March 2017: Shabiyat of Jufrah (centre), Jufrah air base: Continuation of the LNA offensive against the BDB (radical Islamists from Benghazi). The latter would now be encircled.
- 1** 27th March 2017: Shabiyat of Zawiya (northwest), Sabratha: Increase of fuel smuggling in recent weeks.
- 2** 26th March 2017: Shabiyat of Sebha (southwest), Tamanhint: The 3rd force, close to the militias of Misrata, confirms its control of the site after a LNA offensive on 03/20.



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26th March 2017: Shabiyat of Benghazi (northeast), Benghazi, districts of Sooq Al-Hooth and Al-Sabri: Air strikes of the LNA.
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26th March 2017: Shabiyats of Syrte and Ajdabiya (north): Abduction of a local political personality of Sidra on the road between Ajdabiya and Ras Lanuf. Multiplication of kidnappings in this area. Local accusations against the LNA.
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25th March 2017: Shabiyat of Sirte (north), Sirte: Announcement of the creation by the Presidential Council (GNA) of a force of 3000 fighters for a mission of 6 months in order to secure the city.
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25th March 2017: Shabiyat of Derna (north), Derna, district of Fatayah: 2 air strikes of the LNA reported. Clashes also reported in the south of the city.
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22nd March 2017: Shabiyat of Misrata (north-west), Misrata: Risks of strong tensions after the overthrow of the City Council by militiamen close to the BDB.
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20th March 2017: Shabiyat of Wadi Al Hayaa (south-west), Ubari: Kidnapping of a bank manager. Risk of strong local tensions.



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26th March 2017: Tripoli, western sector: Reopening of the road linking the Janzour district to Ras Jedir (Coastal road) on the Tunisian border. It had been closed regularly in 2016 due to the increase of kidnappings.

1	24th March 2017: Tripoli, Martyrs' square (city center): Peaceful demonstration of residents to denounce the national situation of the country.
1	22nd March 2017: Tripoli, district of Salaheddin (south): Tensions after new blockades of roads by militia. Criminal risks including car-jackings.

Upcoming event:

- **April 4th – 6th 2017:** Libya Investment Summit 2017 – Istanbul.

II. Events of the week

Economy / Oil sector: While pro-Haftar forces of the Libyan National Army (LNA) recaptured on 03/14 the strategic sites of Ras Manuf and Sidra, located in the Sirte Gulf (North), **control of the production and exportation of Libyan hydrocarbons still raises concerns.** For this reason, the Chinese, French, Russian, British, Irish and American ambassadors reaffirmed on 03/25 that the Libyan National Oil Company (NOC) **is the only one to be legitimate to administrate and control the oil sector in the country.**

The guaranty offered by these financial resources of this economic sector remains indeed a major condition to rebuild and to ensure the stability of Libya in the future. The NOC also made a communiqué on 03/26, reaffirming its position as the only entity in the country capable of exporting hydrocarbons to oil and gas companies, which are contractually identified as its economic partners. The NOC also reminded the existence of companies, which are taking part to the illegal sell of crude oil to an undervalued price, which could cause a loss of hundreds of millions USD if such illegal contracts were to be concluded, according to the NOC.

Politics / Tripoli: The Italian Parliament's spokesperson received on 03/22 the President of the upper Chamber of the Tobruk's Parliament, to discuss both countries' common interests and the conditions of a possible return of Italian companies in Libya, especially to finish projects, which are currently suspended due to the very degraded security situation.

Security / Tripoli: The situation remained relatively calm in Tripoli, following last week's violence in the Western and Southern parts of the capital city, **where tension remain however latent.** Furthermore, a demonstration of local residents was organised on 03/24 on the Martyrs' Square, in Tripoli's downtown, to demand the resignation of the Presidential Council and the GNA (Government of National Accord of F.Sarraj), and to denounce military law. Slogans against Marshal Haftar were also heard, as the protestors denounced a "coup against the Movement of February 17th", as a reference to the anti-Qaddafi movement of protests in 2011.

Finally, regular conducted anti-criminal operations were reported over the past week, carried out by some militia replacing regular police and military forces, such as RADA group (a pro-GNA Salafist movement).

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