

Libya (5)

Weekly Brief
21st – 27th June 2017

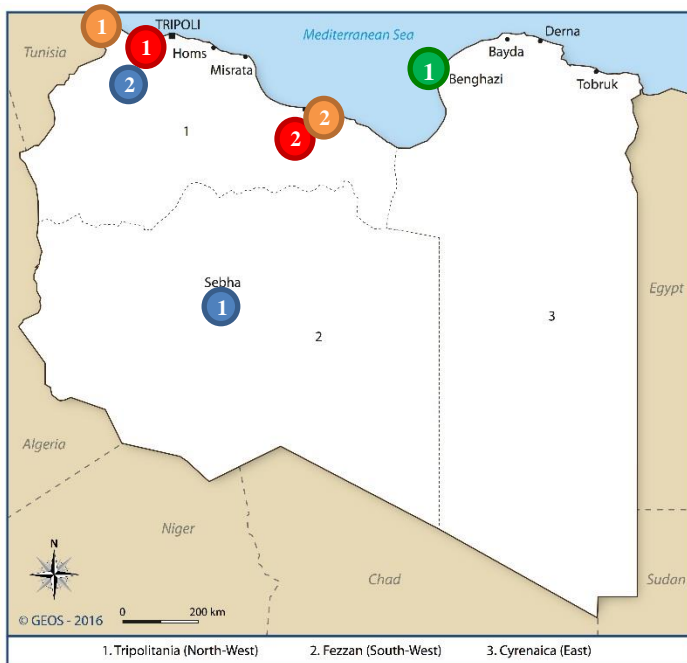


Trend over the previous week		
Crime	→	5
Terrorism	→	5
Kidnapping	→	5
Fighting	→	5

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 in Sebha and Jufra areas

I. Major incidents of the week



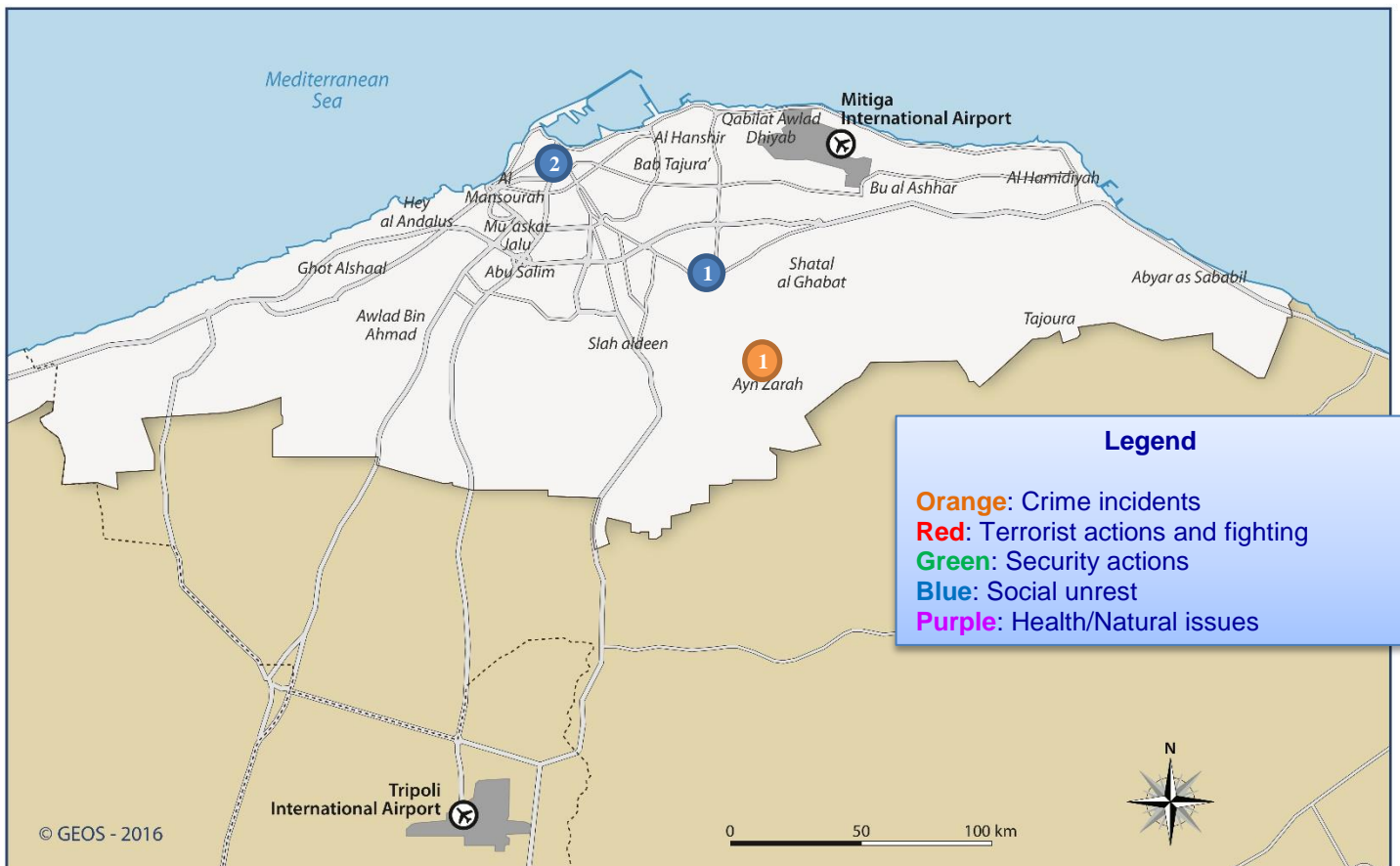
Legend

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

- 26th June 2017:** Saudi Arabia: Announcement of the arrest of 2 Zawiya militiamen by the Saudi authorities for their alleged support of terrorism.
- 1** **26th June 2017:** Shabiyat of Zawiya (north-west), axis Zawiya - Tripoli: Clashes reported between 2 militias. Blocking of certain roads.
- 2** **25th June 2017:** Shabiyat of Sirte (north), area of Gardabaya airport: Announcement of the kidnapping of a member of the Gaddafi tribe by alleged terrorist of IS. Local tensions.



1	25th June 2017: Shabiyat of Sebha (south-west), Sebha, district of Mahdia: Tensions after inter-communal clashes reported between Tubu and Gaddafa.
1	24th June 2017: Shabiyat of Benghazi (north-east), Benghazi: Announcement by the LNA of the resumption of the district of Souk al-Hout. Further progress towards the city centre. 13 soldiers killed and 37 others wounded.
1	24th June 2017: Shabiyat of An Nuqat al Khams (north-west), Ras Jedir area: Kidnapping of a Tunisian national by armed men in the aim to use him as a bargain for the release of a drug trafficker arrested by the Tunisian customs.
2	22nd June 2017: Shabiyat of Yefren (northwest), Zintan: Announcement of social tensions after a protest movement of residents to denounce their living conditions. Risk of new gatherings.
2	21st June 2017: Shabiyat of Sirte (north), Bay Valley: Attack of a fuel carrier by armed men. A civilian disappeared.
	20th June 2017: National: Appointment of Ghassan Salamé, former Lebanese minister, to the position of special representative of the Secretary of the United Nations in Libya after the end of the mandate of Martin Kobler.



1	26th June 2017: Tripoli, district of Furnaj (East): Tensions reported after militiamen killed a civilian.
2	26th June 2017: Tripoli, Martyrs 'square: A resident burnt himself to denounce his living conditions.
1	23th June 2017: Tripoli, district of Ain Zara (south): Murder of a former army colonel in retaliation for the death of a man during a prison breakout in February 2017. Another civilian killed.

II. Events of the week

National / Diplomacy: After almost 4 months of negotiations, the United Nations Security Council appointed on 06/20 Ghassan Salamé, the former Minister of Culture of Lebanon (2000 – 2003) and former counsellor of UN General Secretaries Kofi Annan and Ban Ki-Moon, as the General Secretary's special envoy for Libya. **He will take his office at the end of June, taking the succession of Martin Kobler (appointed in October 2015).** Ghassan Salamé stated that he would make no declaration about his new function or Libya before he takes his office.

This initiative was decided while the first choice of the current UN General Secretary, Antonio Guterres, for this position was the former Palestinian, Prime Minister Salam Fayad, but it was rejected by the United States.

In a very fragile political and security context, the major challenge of Ghassam Salamé will be to initiate inclusive negotiations to continue the political process of reconciliation whereas the country is deeply divided between several authorities and militia groups.

North / IS: An armed attack was led by several men suspected of being jihadists of Islamic State (IS), who targeted 2 fuel transport vehicles at the Southwest of Sirte (Shabiyat of Sirte, north) on 06/21. During the incident, which took place in the area of Bay Valley while the vehicles were moving towards Sabha's fuel depots (Shabiyat of Sabha, south). 100,000 litres of gasoline were stolen. One of the drivers fled and another is still missing. Following this incident, the supplying of fuel and gas to the south of the territory has thus been suspended until further notice.

This incident shows the high level of insecurity on the Libyan roads including in areas "liberated" from IS like the Sirte region.

Centre / Protest: A gathering of residents took place on 06/23 in Sawkna (Shabiyat of Jufra, centre) to show their support to Saïf El-Islam Gaddafi. Particularly since his release on 06/10, several tribes that supported Muammar Kaddafi during the protest of 2011 wish that his son will play a major political role in the next few months to reunify the country and bring about a national reconciliation. Nevertheless, a progressive political empowerment of Saïf El-Islam Kaddafi could therefore weakened further the Libyan political situation already very confused.

Tripoli / Security: The situation in Tripoli remained relatively calm during the cover period despite regular rumors of troop movements and the targeted assassination reported against a former army commander in the district of Ain Zara, which was an isolated act of reprisal. However, clashes occurred between rival militiamen of Janzour and Wershafana on the road between Zawiya and the capital in the end of this week.

Moreover, the celebrations of Eïd el-Fitr (marking the end of the Ramadan) were conducted without incidents on 06/25.



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