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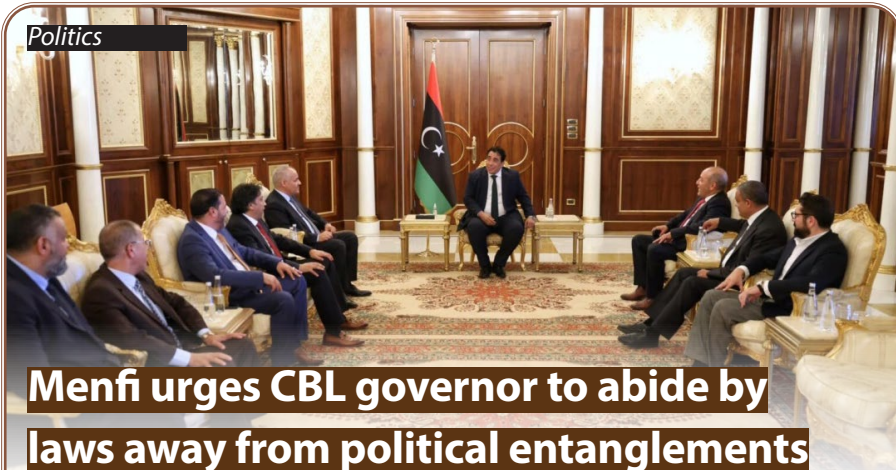
## Parallel government lifts force majeure on oil production and exports

The Prime Minister of the parallel government, Osama Hammad, announced Thursday lifting the state of force majeure on all oil fields, ports and facilities and the resumption of production and exports.

Hammad said in a statement that lift-

ing the state of force majeure came within the framework of supporting the efforts made by the House of Representatives and the High Council of State, which culminated in the appointment of a new governor for the Central Bank of Libya and his deputy.

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## Menfi urges CBL governor to abide by laws away from political entanglements

The Head of the Presidential Council Mohammed Menfi called on the governor of the Central Bank of Libya (CBL) to commit to his technical role and stay away from politics. This came during Menfi's reception on Wednesday of Governor Naji Issa and his deputy Marie Al-Barasi.

Menfi said in the meeting, which was attended by the governor assigned by the Presidential Council, Abdel Fattah Abdel Ghaffar, that it is necessary to commit to spending according to the state's financial law and according to the 1/12 system (i.e. dividing the last approved budget by 12 and spending the result on the budget items monthly), for the first, second and fourth items, until an agreement has been reached on a unified budget law or temporary financial arrangements.

Menfi stressed the need for the CBL governor not to exceed the legal powers of the CBL's board of directors formed by Presidential Council Resolution No. 22, until a new board of directors is formed by agreement on the person with the authority to form it.

He also hailed Abdel Ghaffar's national role in managing the CBL in the most difficult circumstances, implementing judicial rulings and the people's aspirations to cancel the tax on foreign currency.

The meeting was also attended by the Minister of Transport in the Government of National Unity, Mohammed Al-Shahoubi, who heads the handover committee for the duties of the CBL governor. The handover ceremony of the new governor, Naji Issa, and his deputy, Marie Al-Barasi, took place on Wednesday at the CBL's headquarters in Tripoli.

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United Nations Support Mission in Libya  
بعثة الأمم المتحدة للدعم في ليبيا

## UNSMIL welcomes appointment of new CBL governor, calls for ending oil shutdown

The United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) welcomed the endorsement by the House of Representatives (HoR) of the nominees for the new Governor and Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Libya (CBL), in consultation with the High Council of State (HCS) in accordance with Article 15 of the Libyan Political Agreement (LPA) and the agreement signed by the two Chambers on 26 September.

UNSMIL said in a session held 30 September, with 108 members present, the HoR unanimously endorsed the nominees, while the HCS formalized its consensus on 29 September with 112 signatures of its members in favor of the proposed candidates. UNSMIL called on all relevant parties to ensure a smooth handover to the newly appointed CBL leadership in line with existing laws and customary practices in Libya, and to swiftly proceed with the appointment of a credible and professional Board of Directors within two weeks as per the provisions of the 26 September Agreement.

"A competent, accountable Central Bank leadership, including a Board of Directors, is essential to restoring trust among the Libyan people and credibility in the global financial system. It also signals hope for a more transparent and accountable governance of the Libyan people's resources." UNSMIL said.

UNSMIL also urged all relevant institutions to withdraw all unilateral decisions issued in the context of the CBL crisis, emphasizing the urgent need to end the closure of oil fields and disruption of oil production and export, and to channel the revenue from this vital resource through the appropriate institutional framework to the Central Bank of Libya.

"This progress toward the resolution of the CBL crisis, including the constructive engagement by the HoR and HCS, signals hope for future progress on an inclusive political process under UN auspices which takes the country to general elections. UNSMIL remains committed to supporting Libya's path toward sustainable peace, stability, and economic recovery." The statement added.

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# Amnesty International urges Haftar to unveil fate of Mahdi Al-Barghathi



Amnesty International called on Khalifa Haftar's forces to reveal the fate and whereabouts of former Defense Minister Al-Mahdi Al-Barghathi and 18 of his relatives and supporters. Amnesty International added in a report, marking a year since the enforced disappearance of Al-Barghathi, that his fate and the fate of those with him remained unknown amid fears that they may have been executed.

It pointed out that six other people were killed out of 40 missing persons following the clashes that took place in Al-Salmami, including Al-Mahdi Al-Barghathi's son and two of his relatives, two members of the 204th Battalion, and a sheep trader. On October 6, 2023, Al-Mahdi Al-Barghathi returned to Benghazi before violent clashes broke out in the eastern Al-Salmami area, the neighborhood where Al-Barghathi's family lived, in an attempt to arrest Al-Mahdi Al-Barghathi and those who returned with him.

As a result, Haftar's forces cut off communications with the city and its suburbs for days. After days of security tension in the city, pro-Haftar media sources reported the end of what they called a security operation targeting what they described as "security cells" in Benghazi, in reference to those accompanying Mahdi al-Barghathi. Pro-Haftar media outlets, citing military sources, reported that some people were killed and others arrested, without revealing any additional details.

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# Libyan military court issues death sentences in Tarhuna mass graves case



A Libyan military court has sentenced 16 people to death in connection with the notorious mass graves discovered in Tarhuna, which included the bodies of sisters Hawa, Rima, and Laila Harouda.

Among those sentenced to death were Osama Al-Hamdi, Ismail Sharoud, Wadi' Al-Safi, and Sabri Aqqab, according to a report by RT. Additionally, six other defendants, including Basma Al-Wershafani and Zainab Al-Wakeel, were handed life sentences.

The case drew significant attention after the bodies of the Harouda sisters, along with dozens of others, were found in a mortuary refrigerator in Tarhuna following the city's liberation from forces loyal to Khalifa Haftar in 2020.

The three sisters, Rima (38), who was pregnant, Hawa (45), and Laila (46), were reportedly kidnapped from the family's home in Tarhuna in April 2020. One of the sisters was shot in the head while trying to escape, and the remaining siblings were subjected to torture by the Kaniyat militia, a group linked to Haftar. The court's ruling comes after extensive investigations and testimony, shedding light on one of Libya's brutal incidents, which has left a deep impact on the nation's collective conscience.

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# Gavito withdraws from nomination for position of US ambassador to Libya



The nominee for the position of US Ambassador to Libya, Jennifer Gavito, has called on US President Joe Biden to withdraw her nomination. This comes 32 months after the State Department has requested consideration of her position and the start of the verification process, and nine months after the Senate's reception of her nomination. Gavito said that the failure to appoint a US ambassador to Libya for two years had given Russia and China the opportunity to exploit Washington's absence and destabilize NATO's southern

flank, considering that diplomacy was Washington's best tool to confront what she called the malign influences of those parties.

Gavito commented during her speech before the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee last June by saying: "The real US interests are at risk in Libya, in light of the increasing instability in the Sahel region that threatens NATO's southern flank." She warned that Moscow was seeking to destabilize NATO's southern flank by "building a more open and formal defense relationship with

Libyan actors, as a low-cost relationship."

She promised – if appointed – to work with Libyans in the east and west to enhance military integration to protect the country's borders and sovereignty in order to "preserve hard-won gains in the fight against terrorism and prevent any opportunity for extremists to threaten American interests."

Gavito pointed to Libya's important role in stabilizing the world's energy sector as the largest country in Africa and the ninth largest country in the world in terms



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## Central Bank of Libya, NOC review mechanism of funding projects for increasing oil production

The Chairman of the National Oil Corporation (NOC) discussed on Thursday with the Governor of the Central Bank of Libya (CBL), Naji Issa, projects to increase oil production.

The NOC said in a brief statement that Farhat Bengdara

discussed with Issa the mechanism of the Central Bank's financing of production increase projects to maintain financial sustainability and compensate for the revenue deficit resulting from the closures and the decline in oil prices.

The meeting came shortly after the parallel government and the NOC announced the lifting of the state of force majeure on all oil fields and ports as well as the resumption of production and export operations normally against the backdrop of reach-

ing a solution to the crisis of the Central Bank of Libya, and completing the procedures for the handover ceremony of the duties of the Governor of the Bank, Naji Issa, at the CBL headquarters in Tripoli.

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## NOC discusses with Brega Company mechanism of providing fuel to local market



The Chairman of the National Oil Corporation (NOC), Farhat Bengdara, discussed with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Brega Oil Marketing Company, Fouad Belrahim, the mechanism for providing fuel to the local market.

The meeting, which was held on Tuesday, was attended by the member of the Board of Directors of the NOC, Masoud Suleiman, and the Director of the International Marketing Department, Rabie Araibi.

The meeting discussed a number of topics related to the company's activity, especially the fuel supply process and schedules, in addition to the challenges facing Brega Company, according to a statement published on the NOC's Facebook page. It also touched on ongoing projects to increase fuel storage capacity and problems related to ports and unloading docks.

A series of measures were agreed upon to address these challenges with the aim of

stabilizing the fuel supply process, including approving the establishment of new warehouses within the company's allocated budget, in order to achieve the highest rate of storage sufficiency and meet local needs. Bengdara hailed the efforts of the NOC's Marketing Department and Brega Company officials to overcome difficulties and provide fuel in light of the crisis of closing oil fields and the shutdown of Al-Zawiyah refinery.

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## Central Bank of Libya removes tax on dollar purchase



The Central Bank of Libya's administration, which was appointed by the Presidential Council, announced the suspension of the implementation of the decision of the Speaker of the House of Representatives (HoR), Aqila Saleh, No. 15 of 2024, regarding the imposition of a tax on the official exchange rate of foreign currency, as of October 01.

The administration said in a statement on Monday - just when the HoR and High Council of State (HCS) agreed to name Naji Issa as new governor and Marie Al-Barasi as his deputy - that this decision came in compliance with the judicial rulings issued regarding the suspension of the implementation of the decision of the HoR Speaker and in support of the principles of justice and law.

In mid-March, the Central Bank of Libya imposed a tax on foreign currency sales at a rate of 27% at the current rate, with the exception of government and sovereign agencies, in implementation of Saleh's decision. However, the courts of southern Tripoli, Misrata and Benghazi all issued rulings to suspend the implementation of the decision. Earlier on Monday, members of the HoR voted, by a unanimous vote of 108 representatives, to approve the agreement, which stipulated the appointment of Naji Issa as the new governor of the CBL, and Marie Al-Barasi as his deputy.

The HCS also announced the approval of 112 members of the agreement with the HoR regarding the appointment of a new board for the Central Bank of Libya.

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## Libyan, Tunisian and Algerian economists call for opening Mashahad Saleh border



The sixth annual Tunisian-Libyan-Algerian Investment Forum concluded on Monday, after it was held under the slogan "Investment Prospects in Neighboring Countries" on the Tunisian island of Djerba, with the participation of businessmen and delegations from Iran and Palestine. About 50 participants from Tunisian, Libyan and Algerian organizations in addition to businessmen participated in the forum, which aims to revitalize border areas, support tripartite investment and trade exchange, create job opportunities, and establish joint projects that would advance the economies of neighboring countries, and benefit from the opportunities available in each country. The member of the High Council of State and Vice President of the Economic Committee of the Supreme Council of Tunisian-Libyan Businessmen, Abdelmottale Baqis, said in press statements on the sidelines of the event that "the forum is an opportunity to promote investment and discuss obstacles to overcome them

and create an encouraging economic environment among the three countries by providing an appropriate legislative environment and incentives as well as privileges to investors."

Baqis called for the need to develop legislation and laws, stimulate investment, rethink economic relations, and ways of cooperation to reach a successful economic integration that brings prosperity and stability to the three countries.

The Head of Supreme Council of Tunisian-Libyan Businessmen, Abdelhafid Al-Sakroufi, stressed the importance of opening the MashahadSaleh crossing between Tunisia and Libya, launching a sea route between Zarzis and Tripoli, and linking Djerba Airport with direct air routes to Algeria and Libya.

He revealed in a statement on the sidelines of the forum efforts to establish a joint Tunisian-Iranian chamber similar to the joint Tunisian-Libyan chamber and to conclude partnership and cooperation agreements between participating

companies and discuss finding solutions to problems that hinder cooperation and joint investment, especially at the level of the investment law for foreigners, lengthy administrative procedures, and banking difficulties.

The Head of the Algerian Confederation of Businessmen, Khaled Balbal, highlighted the importance of the event to create opportunities for cooperation, expand social networks, exchange experiences and expertise, activate real partnership, unify visions, and achieve joint economic cooperation that meets the aspirations of people and builds investments.

The participants agreed on the importance of creating diverse regional economic spaces based on mutual interests, building real bridges for development between neighbouring countries, and the need to seek solutions to several obstacles that hinder the establishment of effective partnership and cooperation, especially legal, administrative, and customs.

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## New governor of Central Bank of Libya and his deputy sworn in at HoR in Benghazi



The new governor of the Central Bank of Libya (CBL), Naji Belgassim, and his deputy, Marie Al-Barasi, took the legal oath at the House of Representatives (HoR), during an official session in the city of Benghazi on Tuesday.

The first deputy speaker of the HoR, Fawzi Al-Nuwairi, called in a speech during the session to keep the CBL away from political conflicts, and for the CBL to focus on its technical tasks.

The HoR unanimously approved on Monday the agreement with the High Council of State regarding the Central Bank of Libya, which included choosing Naji Belgassim and Marie Al-Barasi to lead the bank.

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## Russia is looking for expanding exports to Libya



Russian Ambassador to Libya Aydar Aganin discussed with Misrata Free Zone officials expanding the prospects for exporting Russian products to Libya.

This came during a meeting held on Tuesday on a number of bilateral economic projects with the Chairman of the Management Committee Mohsen Al-Suqutri, according to a statement by the Russian Embassy on Facebook.

The Free Zone confirmed on Facebook that it held talks with the Russian Embassy on the prospects for trade and investment cooperation, especially in the field of grains, fertilizers and other fields.



Health

## Ministry of Health denies malaria case in the South

The Ministry of Health has dismissed reports of a malaria case in the southern municipality of Al-Ghrifa, stating that laboratory results confirmed the patient in question does not have the disease.

In a statement, the ministry confirmed that the patient, who had been admitted to the hospital two days ago with symptoms of fever, diarrhoea, and vomiting, is now recovering after receiving medical care.

It refuted rumours circulating on social media about confirmed malaria cases in the area, urging the public to rely on official sources for accurate information.



Health

## Noor Libya convoy performs 225 eye operations in Brega

The "Noor Libya" convoy, which was taken from the Tripoli Eye Hospital to the city of Brega, with the support of the National Oil Corporation, concluded its work in the city of Brega, after performing 225 eye surgeries.

Members of the convoy, which included 37 medical, paramedical and technical personnel, examined 2,500 cases at Brega General Hospital.

The National Oil Corporation indicated that running this convoy comes within the sustainable development and social responsibility programs to which the Corporation is committed in providing services to the areas surrounding its oil operations.



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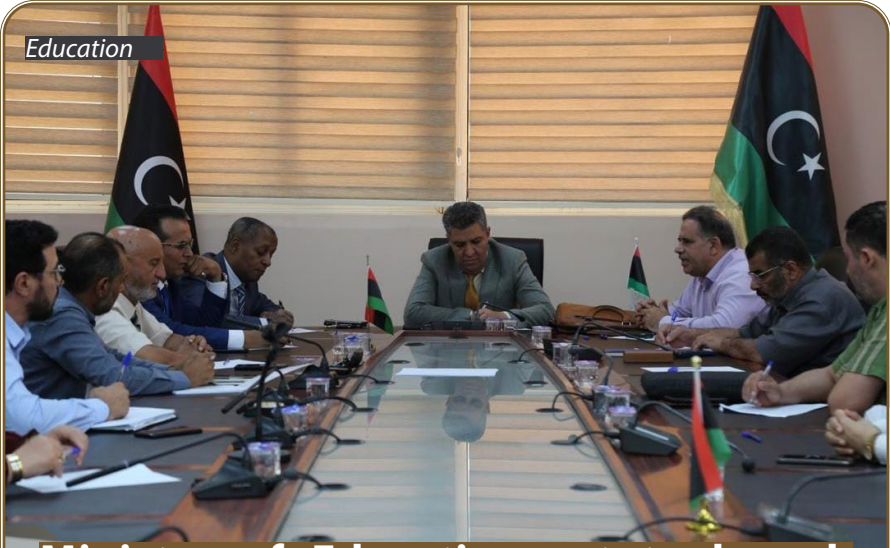
## Libya increases border surveillance amid monkeypox concerns

The National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) has ramped up efforts to monitor potential monkeypox cases at border crossings, including Mitiga Airport and Tripoli Port.

In a workshop held for international health monitoring teams, the focus was placed on enhancing preparedness and developing professional skills to detect any suspected cases of the virus.

The workshop covered initial procedures for screening travellers, identifying symptoms of monkeypox, and managing suspected cases. This initiative follows a directive from the World Health Organization regarding the spread of the virus.

Officials have also updated contact information for monitoring teams stationed at key border crossings to ensure swift action and coordination.



Education

## Ministry of Education set to launch phase 2 of "Schools of the Future"

Ministry of Education has announced preparations for the second phase of the "Schools of the Future" project. The announcement came after a meeting chaired by Education Minister Moussa Al-Maqrif, where key procedures were discussed.

The meeting, the 11th of the committee responsible for the initiative, included a presentation on the distribution of targeted educational institutions across the country for the second phase.

The data, collected from 133 education offices nationwide, was organized according to standards set by the Educational Facilities Authority, the ministry said in a statement.

Al-Maqrif also instructed that kindergartens be included in the second phase as part of the ministry's plan to integrate early childhood education into the formal school system.

Sports



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**Libyan Equestrian Federation**

## Libya hosts international show jumping coaches training

The Libyan Equestrian Federation is organizing an international training course for show jumping coaches.

The course is being held under the supervision of the International Equestrian Federation, with the participation of several experts in the field, most notably the Egyptian international expert Mohamed Khalifa.

A number of equestrian coaches from Libya and the Arab world are participating in the course, having taken part in several qualifying training courses recently.

Sports

## Basketball Africa League hosted by Al-Ahly Tripoli kicks off next Thursday



The African Basketball League (BAL) qualifiers will kick off next Thursday hosted by Al-Ahly Tripoli Club.

Al-Ahly Tripoli Basketball Team has increased its preparations to compete in these qualifiers, which are hosted by the Grand Hall for Sports in the capital, Tripoli.

The tournament schedule has set the

Libyan representative, Al-Ahly Tripoli, to face the Burkinabe "Armed Forces" on Thursday in the first round, while the Malian stadium team will meet on Friday, before playing in the third round against "Creole Stars" from Cape Verde. The tournament is expected to be at the top of the organization level in light of the presence of the sports audience,

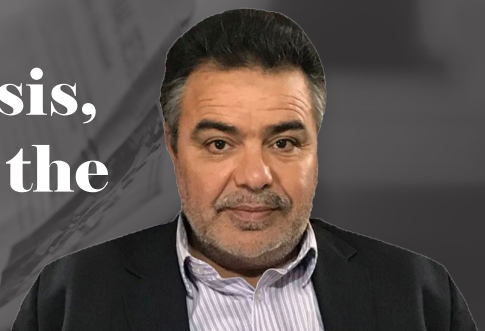
which will be a milestone in the African qualifiers.

It is worth noting that the Al-Ahly Benghazi team represented Libya in the BAL competition last season and presented excellent levels that qualified it to compete for the championship title, but lost the final match to the Angolan Petro Atletico team.

Opinions

# After the Central Bank crisis, what is the possible role of the Presidential Council?

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Is the Central Bank crisis over? It seems so, because an agreement was reached under the auspices of the acting Head of the United Nations Mission in Libya, Stephanie Koury, and was signed by the representatives of the House of Representatives and the High Council of State, after agreeing on the new governor and his deputy.

The Presidential Council succeeded in achieving a long-awaited change, or more precisely, succeeded in pushing the two houses to activate a task that is part of their responsibilities, which is to select and assign competent and capable figures to sovereign positions according to the political agreement.

It is certain that the agreement was first reached between the active parties in the shadows, while it appears in the picture that it was an agreement reached between the House of Representatives and the High Council of State, because the selection mechanism, as stipulated in the political agreement, requires a selection among several figures nominated for the sovereign position, and therefore the role of the two houses did not go beyond approving who was chosen among the real negotiators away from the media cameras.

The Presidential Council's adventure into the political arena was strong, surprising and firm. It did not back down from its position of dismissing the former governor of the central bank, despite all the pressures such as the oil shutdown by Haftar's gangs, the intensive media campaigns, the former governor's in-

citement of banks and international financial institutions to stop dealing with the Central Bank, and the decline in the value of the Libyan dinar against foreign currencies to frightening levels.

Rather, the Presidential Council's representative to the negotiations to choose the new governor went on to raise the ceiling of demands, to the point of demanding that the House of Representatives adhere to all constitutional and legal procedures in the session to ratify the agreement.

With the continuation of the crisis of the High Council of State, and its sharp division over its recent presidential elections, and Khaled Al-Mishri's rejection of the ruling of the Southern Tripoli Court invalidating the election session, the way seems paved for the Presidential Council to assume the position of the High Council of State, and become the political party representing a broad political, military and social spectrum in the western region.

The failure of the High Council of State to resolve the conflict over its presidency between Mohamed Takala and Khaled Al-Mishri will prevent the Council from performing its usual role in various disputed files, as it is a partner of the House of Representatives in managing the political process during the transitional phase, even with the recognition of Agila Saleh, Speaker of the House of Representatives, of Khaled Al-Mishri's presidency of the Council, the High Council of State cannot exercise its role and gain recognition for its decisions

and positions, as the UN mission did not communicate with either of the "presidents" in the crisis and negotiations on the Central Bank, and invited the head of the Finance Committee and considered him the representative of the High Council of State in the face of the representative chosen by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Presidential Council's success in changing the governor of the Central Bank, and emphasizing the assignment of an effective board of directors, not just a decoration, will restore the bank's balanced role in managing financial and monetary affairs, and may push the Presidential Council to take bolder steps to address the political deadlock.

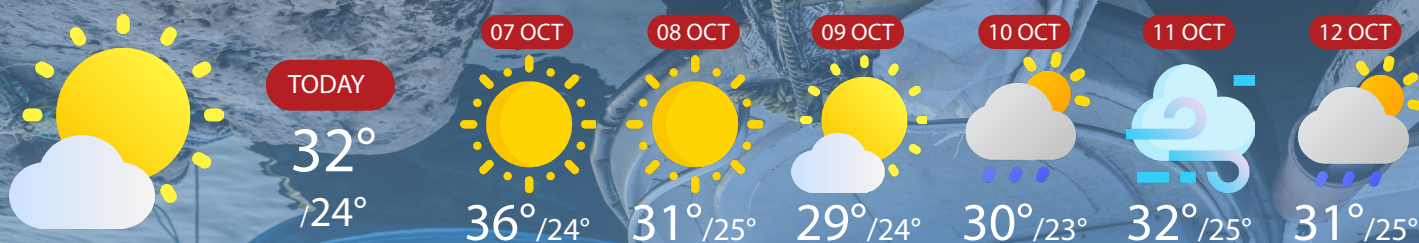
Musa Al-Koni, a member of the Council, spoke clearly in an interview broadcast on state television, about the procedures for declaring a state of emergency to save the state if it is threatened by the risks of collapse, so the sovereign authority intervenes to exercise exceptional tasks, withdraws powers from governments and all bodies, and transfers them to the army if it is capable and unified to save the state.

Even if the Presidential Council hesitates to take any step in this direction, it is certain that all political parties will take into consideration the new positioning of the Presidential Council, and this alone will push them to work seriously on all pending files, especially the constitutional track and elections.

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