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## Deputy Speaker of HoR accuses US embassy of undermining economic track's success



The First Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives (HoR), Fawzi Al-Nuwairi, accused the United States (US) of seeking to undermine the success of unifying the economic track in Libya after unifying the Central Bank and forming its board of directors. Al-Nuwairi said in a statement that they had monitored an ongoing activity by the US embassy in an attempt to recycle the economic track crisis to create meetings and present opinions that conflict with the financial law of the Libyan state by imposing a reality that is contrary to the law, after resolving the Central Bank crisis.

Al-Nuwairi warned in his statement that such meetings would hinder the work of the Central Bank and make it a party to the political conflict, which would create a new crisis that could affect the bank's governance and undermine the legitimacy of its management.

He called on the United Nations mission to do its duty toward limiting such interventions, which are considered an act far from the mission's efforts, in addition to violating the law.

Al-Nuwairi asked the mission to clarify the matter to the Libyan people, asking, "Who is responsible for providing support and assistance to the Libyans? Is it the United Nations mission? Or the ambassadors of the countries represented in Libya?" according to the statement.

Al-Nuwairi's statements come in conjunction with news of an economic dialogue in Tunisia under the auspices of the US embassy, with the attendance of representatives of the Government of National Unity and the parallel government, the Central Bank and the Audit Bureau, similar to the dialogue held last October.

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## Takala wins HCS presidency in elections with absence of his rival Al-Mishri



Members of the High Council of State (HCS) elected Mohamed Takala as Head in a session chaired by First Deputy Masoud Obeid, with about 70 members.

The session, which took place on Tuesday, witnessed the absence of Takala's rival for the position, Khalid Al-Mishri, and a large number of his supporters, while Takala competed with Idris Abu Fayed and Naima Al-Hami for the position.

Takala received 55 votes, compared to 8 votes for Naima Al-Hami, 5 for Abu Fayed, and two blank ballots.

In the same session, 49 members elected Masoud Obeid as the council's first deputy, and 42 members elected Musa Faraj as the second deputy.

For his part, Al-Mishri refused to recognize the election results, considering Takala's

re-election worthless and a way of reinforcing the current division.

HCS member Adel Karmous said that the UN mission informed Takala of the need to hold a session with the participation of all council members, to achieve a broader consensus, describing Tuesday's session as representing a single political spectrum within the HCS.

Karmous confirmed in a press statement that a large number of HCS members boycotted the session in protest of how it was managed and called for, noting that the judiciary is still looking into the dispute over the results of last August's session and has not yet resolved it. Karmous pointed out that the session was illegal due to its lack of a legal quorum that requires the participation of half of the members +1, as 70 members participated out of 144.

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## Libya confirms that border demarcation file with Tunisia has been fully resolved

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of National Unity confirmed Libyan-Tunisian border demarcation file was fully resolved more than a decade ago, through a joint committee between the two countries, and since then it has become a stable and settled issue no longer subject to discussion or reconsideration.

The ministry commended the cooperation and coordination between the Libyan and Tunisian governments,, especially in areas that contribute to enhancing security and

stability, strengthening joint trade and investment opportunities, as well as improving travel and transportation conditions for citizens between the two countries.

It also stressed the commitment of the two countries to intensify efforts to ensure further progress and joint development that benefits all levels in Libya.

This comes after Tunisian Defense Minister Khaled Al-Suhaili stressed that his country will not give up any inch of the national territory.



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## **Brigade 444, Petroleum Facilities Guard exchange blame for fighting near Hamada field**

The Petroleum Facilities Guard (PFG) - Southwest Branch - and Brigade 444 that is affiliated with the Government of National Unity exchanged accusations after clashes on Saturday near the North Hamada oilfield.

PFG said that "a force affiliated with the brigade tried to attack the oil facilities," which the latter denied, saying that it "is concerned with confronting smuggling and not controlling oil fields."

PFG said in a statement early Sunday morning that while a patrol affiliated with it was carrying out security tasks to protect the oil wells on Saturday, it encountered an ambush by a force affiliated with Brigade 444 at about 20 kilometers south of the field. It said the patrol consisted of four military vehicles, and was carrying out its tasks within the boundaries of the administrative

branch, adding that the Brigade's force had 35 vehicles armed with all kinds of weapons.

PFG accused Brigade 444 of planning to attack the oil facilities, adding that after a short clash, its patrol was able to return to the field, while one of its four vehicles was captured by Brigade 444's force after it broke down. It indicated that a number of personnel were arrested and they claimed to be from the army, but "they were hiding their faces, and they were handed over to the military station with all their weapons and vehicles, before the prosecution released them." PFG added that members of the Brigade 444 "seek to control the oil and gas fields according to an externally supported plan."

Meanwhile, Brigade 444 denied, in a statement published on its Facebook

page, what it called "misleading information that talks about a battle taking place in an oil field in order to seize it," adding that the oil fields are not its target, and that if it had sought to do so, it would not have been difficult for it."

Brigade 444 considered that its operations aim to control and thwart huge smuggling deals, adding that it has seized the most prominent and largest smuggling networks operating at a regional level, and referred those responsible to the Attorney General.

"We assure Libyans that the brigade will never be present in the oil fields, even if their security is vacant, and its operations will not target any oil facility or oil field on any day, as oil fields and facilities in general are not within the brigade's jurisdiction."



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## **Human Rights Solidarity condemns "forced evictions" and "demolishing" in Benghazi**

Human Rights Solidarity group expressed its concern over the continued forced evictions and "serious" violations of the basic right to housing in the city of Benghazi. It said in a statement that armed groups affiliated with what it called the "de facto authorities" in Benghazi, arbitrarily demolished the homes of residents in the Jaliana area without any commitment to legal procedures.

The group said that the authorities in Benghazi exerted pressure on the residents to force them to accept little financial compensation that is not worth anything of the value of the property and is not enough to cover the rent of a housing allowance, let alone buying it. It added that these "unfair" practices exacerbated the suffering of the affected families, especially in light of the deteriorating humanitarian conditions.

The group indicated that it had sent an

official letter on October 20 to the real estate company "Emaar", headquartered in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, calling on it to take a responsible position and ensure that it is not involved in projects related to forced evictions. It explained that it had not received any response from the company so far, renewing its call on "Emaar" not to engage in any projects on "the usurped lands in the center and suburbs of Benghazi".

The group reiterated its confirmation that the forced eviction of residents taking place in Benghazi is a serious violation of Libyan law and international human rights standards, noting that the properties and lands seized by force of arms are considered usurped property. It demanded ensuring that the affected families receive their full rights, including fair compensation for the damages they have suffered.







Economy

## Trade between Libya and Bulgaria rises to over 337 million dollars

The Libyan Embassy in Bulgaria, together with the Council of Libyan Chambers of Commerce and the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized a Libyan-Bulgarian Economic Forum.

The Bulgarian Minister of Economy and Industry confirmed during the forum, according to what was reported by the Bulgarian News Agency, that there was a growing interest in mutual cooperation in trade between the two countries.

The Bulgarian Minister revealed that the volume of trade between the two countries reached more than \$337 million in the first eight months of this year,

which represents a significant increase compared to the same period in 2023. The forum was attended by more than 40 Bulgarian and Libyan companies in the field of trade in food industries, medicines, medical products and agricultural machinery.

The volume of bilateral trade between Bulgaria and Libya in 2023 amounted to \$173.9 million, while the value of Bulgarian exports amounted to \$171.8 million. Among the main commodities in Bulgaria's exports to Libya were petroleum and mineral oils, bituminous oils other than crude oil, while ammonia was a leading product in imports. The Bulgarian Minister of Economy

pointed out that there are bilateral opportunities to develop existing capabilities in areas of interest to the Bulgarian economy, such as energy, trade and economic cooperation, supply of bread wheat and animal feed, and other agricultural products, as well as opportunities for Bulgarian companies to participate in the reconstruction of Libya.

The Libyan Embassy in Bulgaria explained that the participants discussed ways to develop economic relations and expand partnerships in various fields, and the opportunities available to Libyan and Bulgarian companies for joint investment and exchange of expertise were reviewed.



Economy

## Parallel government, Egypt plan to establish mega industrial zone in Benghazi

The Egyptian Stock Exchange website said that the parallel government in eastern Libya completed the study of allocating an area estimated at one million square meters to establish an Egyptian industrial zone in the city of Benghazi, expecting to notify the Egyptian embassy in Libya with all the details before the end of 2024.

The Head of the Arab Cooperation Committee at the Federation of Egyptian Industries, Mohamed El-Bahi, explained in a statement to the Stock Exchange that the committee was following up

with the parallel government on the allocation procedures, and the response came with the completion of the study, with promises to deliver the allocated land to investors at the beginning of 2025.

El-Bahi indicated that the zone would be allocated to energy-intensive factories, especially engineering, metallurgical and chemical industries, with the aim of benefiting from the low prices of electricity and natural gas in Libya to enhance the competitiveness of Egyptian prices in the new export markets

in West African countries.

El-Bahi confirmed that about 40 Egyptian investors expressed their willingness to implement new expansions in the industrial zone to be established in Libya, in addition to Libyan companies looking to implement projects in partnership with the Egyptian side.

The volume of trade exchange between Egypt and Libya increased by 42% during the first 11 months of 2023, reaching \$1.7 billion compared to \$1.2 billion during the same period in 2022.

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## Oil Minister discusses with his Qatari counterpart cooperation in oil and gas

Minister of Oil and Gas of the Government of National Unity, Khalifa Abdul-Sadiq, has discussed with the Minister of State for Energy Affairs of the State of Qatar, Saad Al-Kaabi, opportunities for joint cooperation in the field of oil and gas between the two countries.

During their meeting in the Qatari capital, Doha, Abdul-Sadiq discussed benefiting from the modern Qatari experience in natural gas production and manufacturing technologies and investing in clean renewable energy.

The meeting comes as part of efforts to communicate with energy ministers of oil, gas and renewable energy producing countries.



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## Emaar Libya Holding Company holds meeting in Benghazi to strengthen investment partnerships with Italy

Emaar Libya Holding Company has discussed with an Italian delegation opportunities to enhance investment partnerships with Italian companies, especially in future joint projects in the fields of infrastructure, housing and economic development. This came during a meeting with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Emaar Libya Holding Company, Abdul Hamid Moussa, with the Italian Ambassador Gianluca Alberini, the Italian Consul Francesco Luigi, and a number of heads of Italian companies.

The meeting reviewed ways of cooperation and investment partnership opportunities between Emaar Libya and Italian companies, with the aim of strengthening bilateral relations and supporting development efforts in Libya, according to the Benghazi Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture Facebook page.



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## NOC launches second phase of planting one million trees

The National Oil Corporation (NOC) has launched its second phase of the afforestation campaign in the oil crescent areas, as part of the "Thinking about Tomorrow" initiative, which aims to plant one million trees.

The second phase included the first and second regions of Sirte Company, the new city of Brega, the Arqoub area, and Khor Qida, and future plans include expanding the campaign to the areas of Aqila, Bishr, Al-Arasa, and Brega Marsa.

NOC explained that the campaign witnessed distinguished participation from students of Arqoub primary schools and Ibn Al-Nafis secondary school, and it comes in implementation of the corporation's vision to enhance environmental efforts and achieve sustainability.







Health

## GNU to launch national program for muscular dystrophy patients

The Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity (GNU), Abdel Hamid Dbeibah, has agreed to prepare a national treatment program for muscular dystrophy. According to Dbeibah's decision, which was published by the Ministry of Health on Sunday, the program is concerned with providing patients' needs, in addition to restricting them to a unified system, supervising the distribution of therapeutic medications to them, and keeping up with modern scientific studies. During Dbeibah's meeting with the Muscular Dystrophy Patients Organization, it was decided to continue conducting genetic analyzes for patients and their families according to the established context, and to urgently complete treatment for cases less than two years old.



Health

## NCDC concludes campaign with over 700,000 children vaccinated

The National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) concluded its national vaccination campaign against polio, measles, and rubella on Saturday. A total of 81,751 children were vaccinated against polio and 67,868 children against measles and rubella on the final day of the campaign, according to statistics released by the NCDC. This brings the total number of children vaccinated since the campaign's launch to 708,700. The centre reported that vaccination efforts reached 100% coverage across all municipalities, "reflecting the dedication of campaign workers and the cooperation of local communities."



Health

## WHO: Vaccines used in Libya are safe

Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) office in Libya, Ahmed Zuwaiten, has stated that the vaccines used in Libya are safe and effective. Zuwaiten added that vaccinations in Libya were licensed by the WHO in 2020, calling on Libyan families to vaccinate their children, in conjunction with the national campaign that launched last Saturday. The official's statements came during a visit Thursday to the Al-Ghararat clinic in the capital, Tripoli, accompanied by the Director General of the National Center for Disease Control, Haider Al-Sayeh.



Health

## Parallel government warns of circulation of counterfeit cancer drug in Libya

The Ministry of Health of the parallel government has warned of the circulation of a counterfeit cancer drug called Avastin 400mg/16ml. The Ministry explained on its Facebook page that the product is used as an IV drip solution to treat cancer, and is not approved and unsafe for use, according to preliminary investigations conducted by Roche. The Ministry called on hospitals and pharmacies to verify the source of the medicines and medical supplies being circulated, demanding avoiding using these counterfeit batches, stressing that it is working in cooperation with the competent authorities to track down the source of these products and take the necessary legal measures to ensure the safety of Libyan patients.



*Sports*

## Al-Hilal wins Omar Al-Mukhtar Football Championship

Al Hilal team won the Omar Al-Mukhtar Football Championship Cup after defeating Al-Suwaihi on penalties (4-2). This came in the match that brought them together at the Benina Martyrs Stadium in Benghazi, and ended with two goals for each team.

The Championship witnessed the participation of Al-Ittihad, Al-Ahly Benghazi, Al-Nasr, Al-Olympic, Al-Tahadi and Al-Sadaqa teams, in addition to Al-Hilal and Al-Suwaihi and it comes as part of the clubs' preparations for the new season of the Premier League, which is scheduled to start on the November 25.



*Education*

## Ministry of Education considers teaching Italian language

Minister of Education, Musa al-Maqrif has discussed with the Italian Ambassador to Libya Gianluca Alberini implementation of provisions of the joint cooperation memorandum between Libya and Italy regarding the education sector. The meeting, which was held at the ministry on Tuesday, addressed the issue of teaching the Italian language as an optional language in educational institutions, accord-

ing to the Ministry of Education. It also discussed the possibility of granting Libyan high school graduates the opportunity to enroll in Italian universities to receive their university education in the field of Italian language. The Minister of Education expressed the ministry's readiness for greater cooperation with Italy in a way that serves the educational process.

*Education*

## Ministry of Education bans private tutoring

The Ministry of Education of the Government of National Unity has banned private tutoring outside of educational institutions, warning that violators would be subject to legal accountability. This came in a circular issued by the Director of the Ministry's Basic Education Department, Hassan Abu Ghalia, and addressed to school principals at various levels. He pointed out that this decision was taken to address this growing phenomenon that hinders the educational process.



*Sports*

## Libya prepares to play Benin in Tripoli

Libya's national football team will play a very important match against Benin on Monday at Tripoli International Stadium to secure a ticket to the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in Morocco. The team began training immediately upon arrival from Kigali after facing Rwanda, where it revived its hopes of qualifying with a hard-fought victory against the host. Libya is looking to get the ticket out of the Benin match with a win

to qualify for AFCON for the fourth time, and then wait for what happens in the result of the Nigeria and Rwanda match, as a draw or loss for Rwanda against Nigeria will give the Knights a ticket to Morocco 2025. It is noteworthy that the Nigerian team leads Group Four with 11 points, followed by Benin with 7 points, Rwanda third with 5 points, while Libya is in last place with 4 points.



Opinions

# Comparing between two pairs of shoes

By *Abdullah Alkibir*, a Libyan political writer and commentator



The late Cuban President, Fidel Castro was asked during the 1960 US election season, which candidate he preferred, Republican Richard Nixon, or Democrat John F. Kennedy? He replied: You cannot compare between two pairs of shoes on the same person's feet. America is ruled by one party, the Zionist party, but with two wings: the Republican party, which embodies the harsh, hardline Zionist power, and the Democratic party, which represents the soft power. There is no difference in goals and strategies. What differs between them are the means, method and tools, so, there is room for movement that gives the president some particularity.

Among the countless political articles I have read over the past decades, I have never forgotten an article by the late Egyptian writer Philip Galab, in his weekly column in the Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahali. The occasion was the American elections in the 1980s. The gist of the article is that the Republican Party and the Democratic Party in America, are like Al-Ahly and Zamalek in Egypt, alternate in seasonal football competitions, each with its own fans, audience and supporters. Controversy and disagreement rage during the direct confrontation between them, then everyone goes about their business without anything changing.

The same applies to the American elections between the two major poles, the Republican Party and the Democratic Party. The noise level rises

during the confrontation between their candidates during elections, but almost nothing changes in the goals and strategies.

The metaphor in both examples is largely correct, as President Castro was not wrong when he denied the existence of any difference between the candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties in America, and there are also no fundamental differences in the policies and strategies of the two parties when assuming leadership, just like the two poles of Egyptian football, similar game plans and an effort to snatch victory and absolute dominance over small teams.

The difference between one American president and another is certain in domestic policies, related to taxes, services, health insurance, etc., and these concern the American people because they are the ones who will be affected by them negatively or positively, while foreign policy, which concerns almost all countries, given that America is the greatest power in this era, is governed by constants that no president can change or deviate from.

In the Middle East, the American president will support the Zionist occupation state in occupied Palestine, regardless of his affiliation with the Republican or Democratic parties. This is one of the most important constants of American policy. In fact, the competition between the candidates during the election campaign necessarily leads them to compete

and outbid over the services and benefits that will be granted to the occupation state after winning the position. Throughout the stages of the Arab conflict with the occupation state, America has been the biggest supporter of the occupiers against anyone they consider an enemy of their aggressive policies.

In all the past decades, American policies in the Arab region have not changed, with the two parties alternating in the presidency and congressional membership, absolute support for the occupation entity and the oppressive dictatorial authorities, and no fundamental impact will occur with Trump's return to the White House.

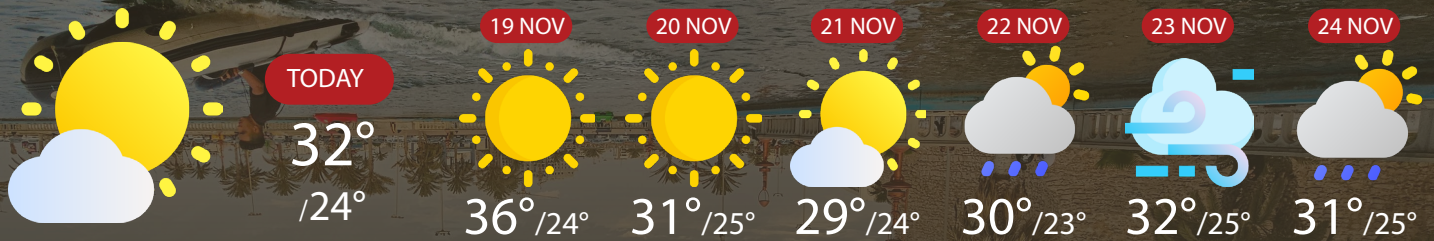
It is true that he is a different model from what we have known of presidents, that is, he is an unconventional president, and it is certain that in some of his decisions and policies he will contradict the traditional establishment or what is known in political literature as the deep state, and that his qualities as a selfish, egotistical, and unpredictable, whose positions and reactions cannot be predicted, will be present, directing, and influential in his positions on international issues, and this necessitates that one cannot be overly optimistic or pessimistic, because everything that is expected and unexpected may come out of him, and it also necessitates one to be prepared for all scenarios, whether in the Palestinian issue or the war in Ukraine, and other hot issues and files.



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