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## Internal Security Agency says it's depicted illegal practices by international NGOs in Libya

The Internal Security Agency (ISA) has revealed the involvement of several international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in activities aimed at resettling immigrants within the country, exploiting the state of instability.

During a press conference held on Wednesday, the ISA's spokesperson, Salem Ghaith, said that the ISA had shut down several offices of these NGOs after observing what he described as serious violations. He considered these activities a direct threat to national security and internal stability.

The ISA pointed out that while some of these organizations operate under licenses issued by the Libyan Civil Society Commission, investigations uncovered suspicious activities carried out by foreign organizations under the guise of providing humanitarian aid.

Among these NGOs — according to the ISA — are the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Italian

organization Terre des Hommes, which necessitates diplomatic action by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take the necessary steps in accordance with international law.

It also revealed that some NGOs have promoted ideas that contradict religious and societal values under the pretext of defending freedoms and human rights. It reported that Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), a French NGO, had trained Libyan doctors on so-called safe abortion practices without the knowledge of the relevant authorities — an act deemed incompatible with Islamic law and local legislation.

The ISA reaffirmed that it would continue to monitor and track the activities of these NGOs within Libya and emphasized that it would take all legal measures to prevent any attempts that could harm national stability.

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## Briefing on Libya at Security Council this April



Security Council Report website said that the Security Council will hold its bi-monthly briefing on the situation in Libya in April, as Representative and Head of the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) Hanna Tetteh will brief the Council on recent political, security, and humanitarian developments in the country and the Secretary-General's latest report on UNSMIL.

The website said the chair of the 1970 Libya Sanctions Committee might brief on the Committee's activities.

The website noted that the UN Mission established an "Advisory Committee" last February to address the outstanding issues hindering the holding of elections.

During the February briefing, members of the Security Council welcomed the appointment of Tetteh and the formation of the Advisory Committee in general, although Russia expressed some reservations regarding the committee's formation mechanism and inclusivity. It said that the main objective of the

Security Council in this session is to support political progress toward national elections that would unify Libya's divided government and create common ground among the rival parties to agree on a comprehensive electoral framework.

It also highlighted that the April briefing represents an opportunity for the Council to assess the work of Tetteh and the Advisory Committee and to renew its support for the UN-led mediation efforts aimed at restoring stability in Libya.



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## Tetteh, AU Commission chairman's representative review Advisory Committee's work

The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Libya, Han-na Tetteh, discussed several key issues with the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission to Libya and Head of the Liaison Office, Wahida Ayari, including national reconciliation and the work of the UN Advisory Committee.

According to a statement by UNSMIL, Tetteh held a video call with Ayari on Tuesday, during which she briefed her on the work of the Advisory Committee and the broader political process. She reiterated the mission's support for the reconciliation process, which is led by Libyans, facilitated by the African Union, focused on victims, and based on human rights. The discussions also covered other issues, including the protection of immigrants and refugees in Libya. Ayari, on the other hand, reaffirmed the African Union's support for the mission's mandate and efforts in Libya. Since assuming her role, Tetteh has held several meetings with Libyan officials and foreign diplomats to review developments in the Libyan crisis, as the UN mission prepares to facilitate a national dialogue among parties and key Libyan stakeholders.



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## Libya condemns Israeli minister's storming of Al-Aqsa, UNRWA attack

Libya's Foreign Ministry has strongly condemned Israeli national security minister Itamar Ben-Gvir's storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque under the protection of Israeli occupation forces, calling it a "flagrant violation" of the holy site's sanctity. The ministry also denounced the expulsion of worshippers from the mosque. In an official statement, the ministry reiterated its firm rejection of what it described as "repeated Israeli violations" against Al-Aqsa Mosque, warning that such actions undermine religious freedoms and constitute an infringement on sacred sites.

The ministry also strongly condemned an Israeli strike on a facility belonging to the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in Jabalia refugee camp, northern Gaza, stating that the attack further exacerbates the humanitarian catastrophe in the besieged enclave.

Libya reaffirmed its stance against "Israel's escalating aggression," stressing that it has exceeded all legal and moral boundaries. The ministry urged the international community to take responsibility, act decisively to halt these violations of international law, and hold Israel accountable.

The statement concluded by reiterating Libya's unwavering support for the Palestinian people's legitimate rights, including their right to establish an independent state.

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## Parallel Government warns against impersonation of Minister of Justice on social media

The Ministry of Justice of the parallel government has warned against someone impersonating Minister of Justice, Khaled Masoud, on Facebook, stressing that it reserves the legal right to prosecute those behind this impersonation.

The ministry said in a statement on Sunday: "Counselor Khaled Masoud, Minister of Justice, does not have any official or personal account on Facebook or any other platform, and any page or account claiming to do so is fake and intended to mislead."

The ministry also called on everyone not to interact with any posts or messages from these accounts, urging anyone who sees them to report them immediately via the reporting feature on the relevant platform.





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## LCW renews calls to reveal fate of MP Ibrahim Al-Darsi

The Libya Crimes Watch (LCW) has renewed its call to the “security and military authorities in the east of the country” to immediately reveal the fate of House of Representatives member Ibrahim Al-Darsi, 10 months after his disappearance.

In a statement on Saturday, the organization called on the Attorney General to open an immediate, comprehensive, transparent, and independent investigation to uncover the circumstances of Al-Darsi’s disappearance, identify the parties or individuals involved in the kidnapping, and ensure they are brought to justice in accordance with the law. Parliament member Ibrahim Al-Darsi was arrested by unknown gunmen in Benghazi on May 16, 2024, before his car was later found in Sidi Faraj area east of the city. Since then, contact with him has been completely lost, and his fate remains unknown to this day.

LCW said it monitored the release of House of Representatives member Hassan Al-Farjani, two years after his arbitrary detention in Mitiga Prison, which is under the control of the Deterrence Apparatus for Combating Organized Crime and Terrorism.

The organization quoted Al-Farjani’s family as saying that his release came after the Supreme Military Court accepted the appeal they had filed against the sentence, in addition to pressure exerted on the Deterrence Force to implement it.



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## Malta renews calls for fair and peaceful elections to resolve Libya’s political crisis

The Maltese Ambassador to Libya Charles Saliba has called on all Libyans to put aside their differences and focus on the future of their country.

In a message of congratulations on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr, Ambassador Saliba said it is crucial for all Libyans to recognize that Libya cannot remain in its current stalemate, adding that it is the time for all Libyan stakeholders to reflect and acknowledge that you must move forward together.

“The era of transitional governments should come to an end. Fair and peaceful elections are the only viable solution for the nation.” He stressed.

“I strongly urge everyone to embrace this opportunity for positive change for the benefit of the Libyan people.” He noted, reiterating his country’s commitment to assist Libya in returning to stability.

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## EU welcomes release of detainees in Libya

The European Union Delegation to Libya has welcomed the release of a group of detainees by judicial authorities, commending this step, which it said strengthens the rule of law and human rights.

In a statement, the mission expressed its deep concern over the disturbing reports of arbitrary disappearances, including the disappearance of Mohamed El-Gamaty, brother of activist Hossam El-Gamaty.

The statement called on the Libyan authorities to immediately investigate these cases and take the necessary measures to ensure the release of the disappeared and their return to their families.

This European position is in line with the statement issued by the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, which stressed the need to end arbitrary detention and disappearances and ensure respect for human rights in accordance with international standards.

Head of the Presidential Council, Mohamed Menfi, announced Friday an initiative that led to the release of Hassan Jaballah Al-Farjani, a member of the House of Representatives from the city of Tarhuna, after more than a year of his detention in Mitiga Prison in Tripoli.

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#### Economy

## Libyan-French economic forum to be held on April 16

The French embassy in Libya announced the holding of an economic forum in the capital, Tripoli, on April 16, to promote cooperation between businesspeople and companies in both countries.

The embassy said in a statement on Wednesday that the event, titled the "Libyan-French Business Forum for Development," will be held in Tripoli. It is organized by the Business France Foundation and the General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, with the support of the French embassy in Libya.

The embassy called on all interested companies to register online using the online link provided for this purpose.

#### Economy

## Second Methanol Plant restarts operations after 7-Year shutdown

The National Oil Corporation (NOC) has announced the successful restart of Methanol Plant II by Sirte Oil Company after being out of operation for more than seven years.

The NOC confirmed that the plant has begun actual production following the successful installation and testing of the natural gas heater.

Additionally, NOC stated that the company's technical teams are currently working on restarting Methanol Plant I by carrying out comprehensive maintenance, installing thermal reformer pipes, and upgrading the control system.

#### Economy

## Brega Oil launches aviation fuel supply at Ubari Airport

Brega Oil Marketing Co. has successfully launched an aviation fuel supply point at Ubari Airport, a move aimed at bolstering Libya's air transport infrastructure.

In a statement, the company said the project aligns with its strategy to enhance service efficiency and modernize aviation fuel distribution.

The facility was developed under the supervision of airport depot and maintenance specialists, adhering to international aviation fuel handling standards.

Following the operational launch, scheduled flights have resumed on a weekly basis, improving airport efficiency and boosting air traffic in the region, the company added.





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## NOC denies reports on revenue

The National Oil Corporation (NOC) has rejected reports regarding national revenues, calling them inaccurate and misleading. The state oil company said such reports rely on unprofessional analysis and misrepresent financial data.

In a statement, the NOC stressed that oil revenues are transferred regularly to the public treasury without delay, including those for March. The corporation attributed the slight decline in February's revenues to calendar-related factors, noting that the month has only 28 days.

The statement also reaffirmed that fuel supplies remain uninterrupted and are distributed fairly according to a set schedule. The NOC clarified that fuel purchasing mechanisms are determined by relevant national authorities and are a purely domestic matter, unrelated to foreign media coverage.

The corporation urged local media to rely on official sources and avoid unverified reports. It also called on the Central Bank to ensure accuracy and objectivity when issuing financial statements.



Economy

## Trump imposes customs tariffs on Libya among other countries

US President Donald Trump imposed tariffs on several countries around the world, including Libya and a number of Arab nations.

According to the lists published by the White House on X, Libyan exports were subjected to a 31% tariff, while Libya imposes a 61% tariff on its imports from the United States.

Trump said that these measures would lead to the return of jobs and factories to the United States, calling on people to start buying American products.

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## Central Bank releases new 5-dinar banknote

The Central Bank of Libya has announced the release of a new 5-dinar banknote for circulation in banks starting Thursday.

The Central Bank explained in a statement that the banknote bears the signature of the new governor and has the same security features as the previous issue of the same denomination.

The bank had previously issued a new 20-dinar banknote and released it into circulation on March 20.



## Education

# Ministry of Education announces academic plan for April

The Ministry of Education of the Government of National Unity has released the academic plan for April, stating that classes will resume at the end of the Eid Al-Fitr holiday on Sunday, April 6.

In a statement on Wednesday, the ministry highlighted key academic events for April, starting with the resumption of classes after the holiday and followed by the second-term exams for general certificate students on April 13.

According to the ministry, April 24 will mark the end of the second-term exams for general certificate students and the completion of the third-term assessment for first, second, and third-grade students.

Additionally, final exams for fourth and fifth-grade students will begin on April 27.

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## Sports

# Al-Swehli clinches Volleyball Super Cup with dominant win

Al-Swehli secured the 2023-2024 Libyan Volleyball Super Cup after a commanding straight-sets victory over Al-Nasr in Tripoli on Friday. The match, held at the Rajab Akasha Sports Complex, ended 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 25-19) in favour of Al-Swehli.

An international officiating team oversaw the match, with Abdelhakim Ramadan as the first referee and Abdel-Salam Al-Rifai as the second. Scorekeepers Ismail Al-Kilani and Ali Al-Mahmoudi, along with line judges Ali Eshtiwi and Issam Abdel-Latif, completed the officiating team.

Following the final whistle, Al-Swehli was crowned Super Cup champions in a ceremony attended by Libyan Olympic Committee President Jamal Al-Zarrouq, Libyan Volleyball Federation President Adnan Al-Bakbak, and Competitions Committee Chairman Wajdi Al-Qambari.



## Sports

# Football Federation dissolves all national team staff

The Libyan Football Federation issued a decision on Thursday to dissolve all administrative, technical, and medical staff of the national football teams across all categories.

The federation justified this move as part of a restructuring effort aimed at improving the performance of the national teams and selecting the most suitable personnel for the roles.

This decision comes just days after Libya's national team missed the chance to top its group in the African qualifiers for the 2026 World Cup, following a 1-1 home draw against Angola and a subsequent 3-1 defeat to Cameroon.





Opinions

# Everyone sings their own tune

By Abdullah Alkabar, a Libyan political writer and commentator



Following the initiative of Musa Al-Koni, a member of the Presidential Council (PC) representing the south, to go back to the three-region system politically and the previous governorate system administratively, Abdullah Al-Lafi, a member of the PC representing the west, is proposing another initiative. He proposes the election of a three-headed Presidential Council, the same composition as the current Presidential Council, but elected directly by the people, and dividing the country administratively according to the thirteen electoral districts. Mohamed Menfi, Head of the Council, did not miss the presidential initiative season, proposing a popular referendum on the contentious points of the electoral laws.

In fact, all initiatives or proposals contain ideas worthy of discussion and can be built upon and developed to produce a solid formulation that could be key to resolving the crisis. However, a question has been raised by almost all commentators on the initiatives: Why do the initiatives come from individual Council members? or in other words? Why doesn't the Presidential Council propose a single, comprehensive initiative that represents the PC's collective vision for a political solution? All answers pointed to the existence of deep disagreements among the PC members, and they did not reach an understanding that would allow them to come up with a unified initiative.

Each PC member then presented his own vision in the manner he chose, without any comment or response from the other houses or councils or ruling politi-

cal forces. This is perhaps because political activity declines during the month of Ramadan, as people in general, and elites in particular, are distracted and preoccupied with other matters during this month.

However, positions will not change even if initiatives are proposed outside of the holy month, for several reasons. The first is awaiting the proposals of the advisory committee affiliated with the United Nations mission, as these provide some hope for producing acceptable and applicable outcomes. The second is despair regarding the possibility of the parties in power agreeing on a way out of the crisis, as this would mean their exit from the scene and consequently the loss of their power and influence. The third is a firm conviction that any initiative not adopted by the United Nations is useless, even if supported by influential international or regional parties in the Libyan crisis.

Presidential proposals and initiatives are not devoid of ideas that could actually put the country on the path to ending the crisis, if the intentions were purely for the nation. Returning to a popular referendum, as Menfi suggests, means deferring to the legitimate authority, and whatever it decides is what should be implemented. Breaking up centralization through a system of regions and governorates, as Al-Koni believes, will ease the burden on the capital by distributing powers and wealth among the regions and governorates. This would eliminate the possibility of coups and the seizure of power by controlling the capital. Adopting a tripartite presidential council, as Al-Lafi believes, would

prevent the concentration of power in a single president, who might deviate from the path of authoritarian decision-making and end any participation in it. To be fair, what is noticeable about all presidential initiatives, and other initiatives, including those of the United Nations, is that there is no initiative that approaches a referendum on the draft constitution, which, in my opinion, is the most likely path to writing the final chapter of the transitional phase. Even if it does not secure a two-thirds majority in the first round, the way forward is clear in the Constitutional Declaration. It will be returned to the Committee of Sixty to make the required amendments to the rejected or reserved articles, and then it will be put to a referendum again in a second round.

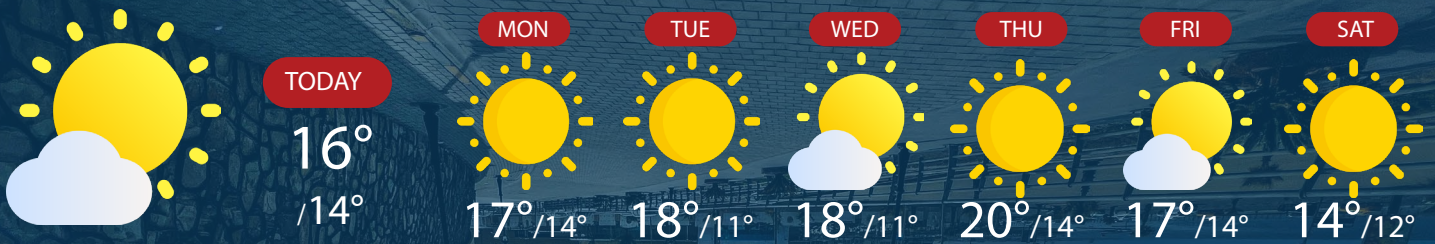
There are various reasons for objecting to the draft constitution, some of which are external, because the constitution being voted on constitutes the solid foundation for independence. Some regional and international powers do not want this independence and believe that the state of chaos and division serves their interests better. It is unfortunate that some local political parties, for other reasons, are aligning themselves with obstructing the constitutional process. Ignoring the constitutional process and pursuing other initiatives is not in the interest of the nation and its future, but rather serves political parties that insist on remaining in power to serve their own personal agendas, indifferent to the fact that such insistence further compromises the nation's remaining unity and sovereignty.



## Photo of the Week



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