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## Ambassador: UK deals with Dbeibah government, keeps positive relations with Bashagha



The ambassador of the United Kingdom (UK) to Libya Caroline Hurndall said her country's government works with the Government of National Unity as it has been selected consensually under the auspices of the United Nations (UN) to arrange for elections. Speaking to Al Jazeera Mubasher on Wednesday, Hurndall said the UK's government also has good relations with Fathi Bashagha who recently made a personal visit to London and maintained positive relations with British politicians when he was an Interior Minister. "The UK is standing at the same distance from the Libyan rival political parties and aims to help them not to plunge the country into

violence. This is despite the fact that the House of Representatives in Libya believes Bashagha's government is legitimate and must be dealt with as such. Libyans need unity." She added.

Hurndall said that there are officials and political leaders, including those who still hold political and governmental positions, who committed technical and political mistakes that the people are still paying for to this day.

Regarding the candidacy of Khalifa Haftar and Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi for the presidency, the UK ambassador clarified that because of her diplomatic work, she has to deal with all Libyan political leaders and to invite them to dialogue in order to achieve a common political ground.

"Libyans are the ones who choose their leaders in the end, but it must be acknowledged that Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi was a subject of a warrant by the International Criminal Court (ICC) for committing crimes against humanity. The UK supports the ICC, so it is difficult for Britain and for a large number of countries to deal with Libya if Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi becomes the president." She added.

The British ambassador denied that her country has ambitions to control Libyan oil fields, saying that the oil trade operations are conducted between British companies and the Libyan National Oil Company on a commercial basis only.

Hurndall said that Libya can be an alternative to Russia in providing European countries with energy and that Russia has succeeded in strengthening its influence in Libya by seeking to control oil fields as a basic entry point for further presence in Africa.

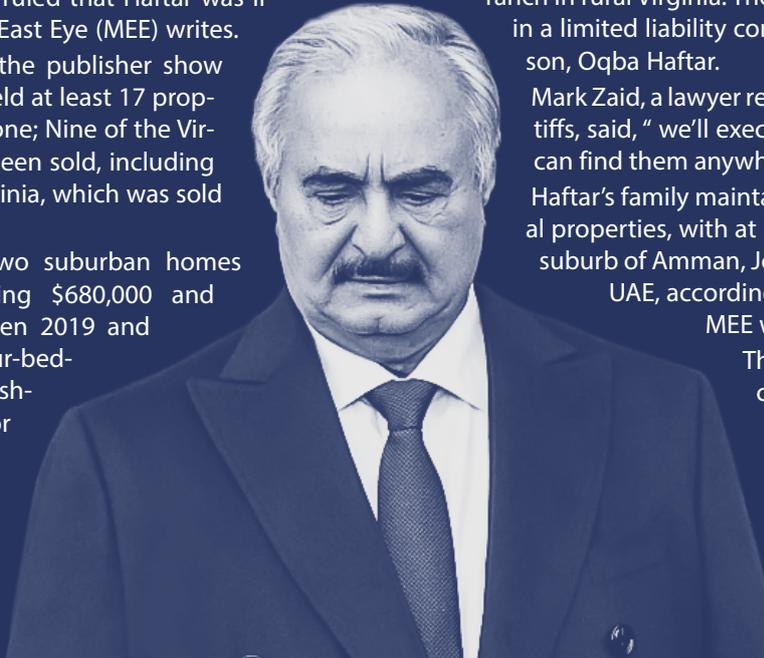
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## After being convicted of war crimes, Haftar liquidates properties in the US

The family of Khalifa Haftar is selling a multimillion-dollar Virginia home, along with a townhouse and other six-figure properties, after a US court ruled that Haftar was liable for war crimes, Middle East Eye (MEE) writes.

Court documents seen by the publisher show that the Haftar family has held at least 17 properties in the Virginia area alone; Nine of the Virginia area properties have been sold, including the house in Great Falls, Virginia, which was sold days after the court ruling.

Six properties, including two suburban homes in Bristow, Virginia, fetching \$680,000 and \$715,000, were sold between 2019 and 2020. In October 2020, a four-bedroom townhouse in Ashburn, Virginia, was sold for \$702,000. Another property in Bristow, Virginia, a four-bedroom 3,600 sq ft colonial style house, was sold last November for \$620,000, the MEE says. According to the docu-



ments, Khalifa Haftar personally owns just two US properties - a condo in suburban Falls Church, Virginia, and a three-bedroom ranch in rural Virginia. The other Virginia properties are held in a limited liability company controlled by his US-based son, Oqba Haftar.

Mark Zaid, a lawyer representing one group of the plaintiffs, said, "we'll execute upon properties wherever we can find them anywhere in the world."

Haftar's family maintains a vast portfolio of international properties, with at least one mansion in an upmarket suburb of Amman, Jordan, along with real estate in the UAE, according to an associate of the family, the MEE writes.

The publisher described Haftar's case as unique. "In previous cases, it has been hard for victims to claim damages. Foreign leaders accused of human rights violations and corruption often structure their assets behind layers of shell companies to mask their wealth. It is also difficult for US courts to seize foreign assets."



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## **Dbeibah says the army will not start a new war**

Prime Minister/Minister of Defence Abdul Hamid Dbeibah said on Tuesday that he is confident that the Libyan army will not start a new war to destroy the country.

Addressing a crowd at a ceremony to mark the 82nd anniversary of the establishment of the Libyan army, Dbeibah said the army was “born” to be loyal to God and then the homeland, and its goal is to protect our country.

“The Libyan army, as a venerable institution, is ... the defender of all Libya, and its mission was... and will continue to be preserving our pride and dignity and the integrity of our land, sea, and air borders.”

Dbeibah called on those threatening to unleash a new war to “learn from the past,” insisting that the Libyan army will not cause new wars to destroy the country.

He stressed the need to hold free and fair elections to guarantee the peaceful transfer of power and fulfill the Libyan’s hopes for stability, development, and a decent life.

The event, which featured a military parade performed by students of the military schools, was joined by top officials, including the Head of the Presidential Council and the Chief of the General Staff, in addition to ministers, army officers, and diplomatic missions in Libya.

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## **Changes within Egypt’s intelligence agency include officials tackling Libya**

Al-Araby Al-Jadeed newspaper cited Egyptian and Western diplomats in Cairo as saying that there are new changes that have been recently made to the General Intelligence Service in Egypt, which included officials working on important foreign files.

According to an Egyptian diplomat, the recent changes affected prominent officials in the files of Libya, Palestine, Egyptian-American relations, and the Horn of Africa, which is related to the crisis of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam.

Another Egyptian diplomat said that some of the recent changes could be logical, as they affected individuals in files that were not managed in the appropriate manner, and saw many wrong calculations, especially, the files of the Renaissance Dam and Libya, in addition to Sudan.

Earlier, Egyptian diplomats had revealed to Al-Araby Al-Jadeed that there was some sort of confusion in the diplomatic and security circles responsible for following up on the Libyan and Sudanese files.

One of the diplomats, who spoke last month to Al-Araby Al-Jadeed, said that the recent crises that occurred in Sudan and Libya had revealed wrong Egyptian calculations, stressing that the “Egyptian bets were wrong and the parties that Egypt bet on and invested in

during the previous period were not up to expectations.” The official in charge of the Libyan file in Egypt, Major General Abbas Kamel, is one of the most prominent leaders of the Egyptian intelligence agency and he was the former secretary of President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi. Kamel is considered to have great influence on political and military officials in eastern Libya, as many opponents of the Bashagha government consider him one of the most significant masterminds behind the political deal that produced Bashagha’s government.

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## **Libyan sources reveal a proposal to form a third government**

Libyan identical sources have unveiled the existence of more than one proposal to form a third government, but they confirmed that the decision on any of the proposals had not yet been made.

The sources, reported by Al-Araby Al-Jadeed newspaper, said there’s a meeting between Aqila Saleh and Khaled Al-Mishri in Turkey with a proposal to form a third government.

About the denial of the media office of the Speaker of House of Representatives (HoR), Aqila Saleh, that he had accepted any offer to form a third government, a parliamentary source explained to Al-Araby Al-Jadeed that Saleh’s clinging to Bashagha and his government was to confirm his stance that he told to Al-Mishri, which was that he would not urge the HoR to drop Bashagha’s government, unless the agreement is final with the High Council of State regarding a third government.

The source said that Saleh’s agreement on any proposal to form a third government was caused by his “annoyance about Khalifa Haftar’s intention to make a deal with the Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity, Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, under Emirati sponsorship,” adding that at the same time, Saleh did not want to give up the “Bashagha card” easily.

About the proposal between Saleh and Al-Mishri in Ankara, the sources said it was to assign the member of the Presidential Council, Abdullah Al-Lafi, to form a mini-government in coordination between the HoR and HCS.

Although this proposal was made to the two chambers in Ankara, the sources confirmed that the Turkish side did not interfere in details, except for stressing on the need to resolve the agreement on a constitutional framework for elections with the aim of holding the vote at a specific time, referring to a Turkish proposal in this regard to form a Libyan committee similar to the political dialogue committee formed by the UN mission in the past, and whose mission is going to be to resolve the controversial points in the constitutional process that led to the halt of Cairo constitutional meetings last June.

The sources also revealed the existence of another proposal related to enabling Bashagha to take over the government in Tripoli, after a cabinet reshuffle of his government that would allow armed groups in the Libyan west, especially in Tripoli, and political parties to position themselves in within the government, by appointing personalities close to them in sovereign ministries in the government.

Local media have revealed in the past few days that there was an agreement between Saleh and Al-Mishri during their meeting on the sidelines of Saleh’s visit to Ankara to form a third government, adding that Al-Mishri submitted a proposal to Saleh, and the latter accepted it without any other details.



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## Libyan Fatwa House: Supporting the Palestinians is incumbent on Muslim nations

The Libyan Fatwa House said on Sunday that it is following with great sorrow the sufferings of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip after Israeli forces killed a dozen civilians and wounded hundreds of others in a series of airstrikes.

“Supporting the oppressed in Jerusalem, Gaza, and the entire regions of Palestine is a duty on the Islamic nation, including rulers and those ruled,” the Council of Sharia Research and Studies of the Fatwa House said, calling the Islamic world to render all possible support to help their brothers in Palestine.

The statement also expressed rage at the storming and desecration of the Al-Aqsa Mosque by the Jews settlers backed by the occupation soldiers and under their protection.

“The Palestinians attacked by the occupying forces have the right to repel the aggression and defend themselves, their families, their land... against those who want to expel them from their homes.”

Preachers, scholars, writers, activists, and all community leaders have a sober obligation to unveil and disseminate the truth to the people, the council says.

It urged the Muslim nations to go out to the streets and voice their rejection of the injustice done to their brothers in Jerusalem and Gaza.

Violence escalated in the Palestinian territory after Israeli forces killed a senior commander of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad group while Palestinian rockets barrages into southern Israel in response.

The three days of Israeli bombardment in Gaza killed at least 44 Palestinians, including 15 children. At least 350 Palestinian civilians have also been wounded.

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## Uneasy calm in south Tripoli after a night of clashes

Uneasy calm prevailed on Saturday after heavy clashes that were reported on Friday night in south Tripoli's Al-Gibes neighborhood between an armed group affiliated with Osama Juwaili, who is on the side of Fathi Bashagha's government, and other armed groups who are against Bashagha's government.

Sources said the reason behind the clashes was the attempt of Juwaili-affiliated forces to seize a camp for the National Mobile Force, which is loyal to the Government of National Unity (GNU).

According to the sources, the attacking force stormed the camp at night and almost took control of it, taking advantage of the element of surprise.

“However, the force that was positioned in the camp held out until reinforcements arrived. After that, Juwaili's armed group withdrew

to its position at the April 7 camp in Al-Swani area, which was about to come under attack but saved by the mediations between the two parties that resulted in a temporary truce and uneasy calm.” The sources added, saying the brief clashes led to the killing and injury of a number of fighters from Juwaili's armed group.

Juwaili's attempt to seize the military camp after the decision by the Commander in Chief of the Libyan Army, Mohammed Menfi, to dissolve all the joint military rooms, including the joint operations room headed by Juwaili, who earlier said he was ready to lead a military operation to allow Bashagha to enter Tripoli.



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## Libyan Mufti rejects transitional stages, calls for a clear roadmap for elections

Libya's Grand Mufti Sheikh Al-Sadiq El-Gharyani has called for elections to solve the Libyan stalemate, warning that any transitional administration would prolong the political crisis.

In his weekly TV program (Islam and Life) on Tanasuh TV, the Mufti urged the Government of National Unity (GNU) to chalk out a clear roadmap for the elections, explaining that they did not choose the GNU, but they reject a new transitional administration.

Bashagha's government should be called by its real name “Haftar's government,” the Mufti says, as he expressed his rejection of war in all its forms or the installation of a parallel authority.

The establishment of a third government means empowering the war criminal Haftar,” he added, calling at the same time to be cautious of suspicious agendas under slogans of neutrality or fighting corruption.

He called on demonstrators to gather in front of the UN mission's HQ to demand elections and the expulsion of the UN mission from Libya. He indicated that removing Bashagha and replacing him with another is not important, as Haftar and Aqila Saleh -the Parliament's speaker- are continuing with their approach.

In his point of view, the Mufti says it is not possible to coexist with a government representing Haftar in the western region, stressing the need to issue strong statements, as silence about recent violations has made space for the “discouraged” to work again, according to his remarks.

Commenting on the incidents in the south, the top religious cleric expressed deep condolences and regret at the tragic fuel tanker explosion.

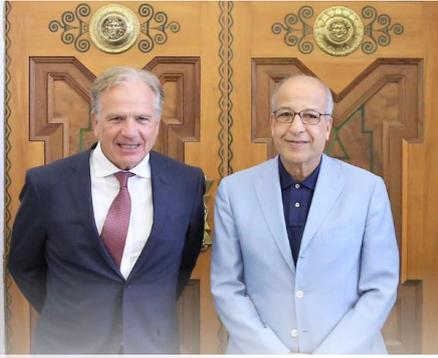
The Mufti said the events in the south are frequent and numerous, and the authorities are doing nothing to help the population there or relieve them of their pain.

He accused Khalifa Haftar of exploiting the incident for propaganda in disregard for the lives of the people.

“Haftar's militias prevented ambulances sent by the Government of National Unity (GNU) from reaching the wounded, and instead, they transported them in their military planes,” Sheikh El-Gharyani said.

Economy

## Ambassador: Dutch Central Bank ready to train cadres of Libyan



The Governor of the Central Bank of Libya, Al-Siddiq Al-Kabeer has discussed with the Ambassador of Netherlands to Libya, Dolf Hogewoning, several issues of common interest.

The two sides reviewed, during their meeting in Tripoli, on Thursday, the vision of the Central Bank of Libya and its efforts to achieve the highest rates of disclosure and transparency in financial statements and public spending, according to the bank's media office.

The ambassador also expressed readiness of the Dutch Central Bank to provide training opportunities for cadres of the Central Bank of Libya, the media office added.

Economy

## Al-Hawij stresses the need to retest flour samples to verify potassium bromate presence



The Minister of Economy, Mohammed Al-Hawij, has stressed the need to retest the flour samples to ensure whether they contain potassium bromate or not.

This came during his meeting on Wednesday with a number of mill owners, in the presence of a number of ministry officials, the Bakers Syndicate, and the Quality Center for Standardization, in order to follow up the implementation of the decision to ban the import of potassium bromate and prevent its use or handling.

For their part, the participants denied what was circulating on social media regarding the use of potassium bromate in the bread industry, saying the source that confirmed the use of it was not approved by the state.

Economy

## High-profile meeting in Libya aims for applicable plans to increase oil output to 2 million bpd



A meeting held on Tuesday in Tripoli by the Head of the Presidential Council Mohammed Menfi, Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity Abdul Hamid Dbiebah, Central Bank Governor Al-Siddiq Al-Kabir, Head of the Audit Bureau Khalid Shakshak, Chairman of the Administrative Control Authority Suleiman Al-Shanti, Head of the Finance and Planning Committee in the House of Representatives Omar Tantoush, Minister of Finance Khalid Al-Mabrouk, Minister of Gas and Oil Mohammed Oun , and Minister of Planning Mohammed Al-Zaydani, in addition to National Oil Corporation's Chairman Farhat Bengdara.

The meeting discussed the implementation of extraordinary budget to be given to the National Oil Corporation (NOC). The attendees also called for a down-to-earth plan that hikes the oil production in Libya to 2 million barrels per day (bpd).

The meeting discussed the implementation of the extraordinary budget of the NOC and identifying the actual steps and their impact on the stability of the NOC and increasing production.

The committee gave a presentation that transparently disclosed the spent funds, and clarified the implementation steps, as well as the technical and administrative notes received regarding the NOC's work and plan.

The attendees also stressed the need to support the NOC and have a system of governance within it, in addition to preparing long-term and medium-term plan for the oil sector, which contributes to the stability and increase of production.

They reaffirmed the need for a realistic plan, so that production reaches 2 million bpd, hailing the efforts that contributed to the return of oil production to pre-closing rates, exceeding 1.2 million bpd.

The Central Bank of Libya approved last week the April-ordered temporary and emergency financial arrangements for the NOC worth 34.3 billion dinars. 15 billion dinars had been spent so far.

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Opinions

# When will the mighty people rise up?



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

If the actual intentions were indeed to remove all obstacles from the path of elections, and to move towards conducting them, in response to the relentless popular demands that demonstrators never cease calling for, by all available peaceful means. Anger reached a boiling point, by setting fire to parliament headquarters in Tobruk, sending loud and clear message that further escalation is very likely, if the de-facto entities continue to ignore the popular demands.

If official claims, and statements do confirm desire to make this political shift. Then, there is no need for the country's leaders to set off for Turkey. However, the real intention is to continue searching for new deals that recycle the waste which the Libyan people call for getting rid of, or as the former UN Advisor stated 'the authoritarian minority continues to play musical chairs.'

Against the backdrop of this concealed intention, Parliament Speaker, Aqila Saleh, went to Turkey, on a visit that has for long been postponed due to Aqila's reluctance to open up to Turkey. As the conditions were not favorable, since relations between Turkey on the one hand and the UAE and Saudi Arabia on the other hand, had not yet been normalized. However, when those relations restored to normality, Aqila was at his weakest state, following his failure to empower the new government, and the growing popular resentment against the House of Representatives in its areas of social influence, to the point of storming and setting it on fire. Therefore, Aqila Saleh is left with only one card to bargain with Ankara, which is the House of Representatives' approval of the Memorandum of Understanding, concluded by Turkey and the former Presidential Council, in return for Turkey's help and leverage in the western part of the country, to help empower the Bashagha government.

Member of the Presidential Council, Abdullah Al-Lafi, followed by the Head of the High Council of State, Khaled Al-Mashri, joined Aqila in Turkey, and there were reports of consultations sponsored by the Turkish authorities to form a third government, to end the conflict between Dbeibah and Bashagha governments.

Though, Aqila Saleh's extension of his visit implied his failure to persuade the Turkish authorities to accept the Bashagha government, and to initiate negotiations for the third government, or perhaps, he was waiting for the official position in Tripoli that Al-Mashri will bring with him.

However, Turkey knows well the extent of popular opposition to any attempt to extend the terms of the House of Representatives and the High Council of State, let alone the international position supportive of the elections, and international calls for end of procrastination, though extension of transitional stages and formation of successive governments.

The unusual news blackout surrounding the negotiations between the Libyan parties, meeting behind closed doors in the corridors of the presidential palace and government headquarters in Ankara, confirmed that the matter is about a new government with extension of terms of all current bodies. Everybody knows that public opinion reaction will be of outrage. Reports of the desire of Libyan parties to form a new government once confirmed, will be tantamount to pouring more fuel on fire of popular rejection of extension, and it will blow the ashes off to inflame, once again, demonstrations in streets and squares of the country.

This position does not necessarily mean clinging to the Government of National Unity, but rather a firm rejection of the extension. So, negotiations were surrounded by a veil of secrecy, until the concoction is ready and its marketing campaign is prepared. But Aqila Saleh also fears the wrath especially of his remaining supporters, who in the past, screamed till their throats became hoarse, against what they described as the Turkish colonialism. I feel pity and sorry for the idiots whose noise echoed across Cyrenaica, denouncing and rejecting the help sought from Turkey, by the former Government of National Accord. Then, they staged rallies to announce refusal to pay 'miri' taxes [in a sarcastic reference to taxes paid by Libyan peasants during the Othman rule], and burned flags of the Turkish Republic. Today, they discovered that they were mere prawns in the games of the clever individuals.

People in a state of coma and despair, do not realize, the extent of their strength, if they rise up and flood streets and squares in protests? Indeed, they will become a force to be reckoned with, that no one can confront, in addition to the magnitude of fear that they will strike into the hearts of the thieves of the homeland? And how they can torpedo all conspiracies and deals? Forcing everyone to heed to all their demands

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Health

# NCDC says on high alert after WHO identifies monkeypox as a global health emergency



The Head of the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Haidar Al-Sayah, has assured that the centre is on high alert and is prepared for any possible cases of monkeypox after the World Health Organization (WHO) classified Libya as one of the top countries at risk of the disease -now identified as a global health emergency by the WHO.

“The World Health Organization classified the countries of the world into four epidemiological stages, and Libya was placed within the first stage,” the NCDC said in a press statement.

He said they are assessing the situation to ensure readiness for any future events and stressed the need to take a package of preventive measures.

“We initially agreed with the Ministry of Health to accommodate the infected cases in the operating departments of the hospitals in the event of recording any HIV infections.

Five cases were suspected of being infected with the virus before being cleared by the centre after conducting the required tests, according to Al-Sayah.

He noted that the NCDC’s role is limited to diagnosing the case in a laboratory while providing treatment services is the responsibility of the Ministry of Health.

On Saturday, the NCDC held an expanded meeting to develop a proactive plan to confront this disease and raise the degree of preparedness.

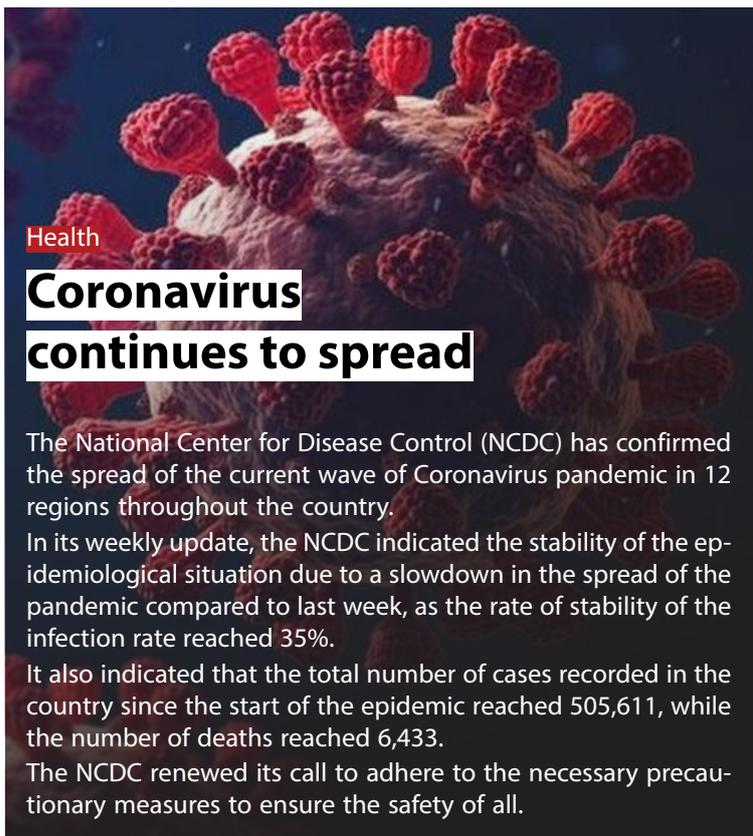
Health

# Surgery operations halted at Tripoli University Hospital over air conditioning problems



The director of Tripoli University Hospital (Tripoli Medical Center previously) Abdel Atti Al-Rateeb said surgery operations were halted due to the stoppage of central air conditioning at the hospital. Al-Rateeb told reporters that the stoppage of air conditioning was due to the fact that they were old and maintenance had not been done since the air conditioners were set up in 2001. He also said the hospital ended the contract with the operator - an Italian company - by sovereign parties due to violations.

Al-Rateeb said Libya’s Health Ministry allowed the hospital to open competitive contraction so a new company can repair the air conditioning system.



Health

# Coronavirus continues to spread

The National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) has confirmed the spread of the current wave of Coronavirus pandemic in 12 regions throughout the country.

In its weekly update, the NCDC indicated the stability of the epidemiological situation due to a slowdown in the spread of the pandemic compared to last week, as the rate of stability of the infection rate reached 35%.

It also indicated that the total number of cases recorded in the country since the start of the epidemic reached 505,611, while the number of deaths reached 6,433.

The NCDC renewed its call to adhere to the necessary precautionary measures to ensure the safety of all.

Health

# Health Ministry sends last batch of ‘Bint Baya wounded’ to Italy



The Health Ministry has dispatched the last group of the fuel explosion- wounded to Italy, the Minister of Health, Ramadan Boujnah, said on Saturday.

“All 21 critical cases were transferred to Turkey, Italy, Tunisia, and Spain to receive treatment,” the minister wrote on his Facebook account, adding that patients with non-serious injuries are being treated in the Burns and Plastic Hospital in Tripoli.

BouJnah ensured that the ministry is monitoring the conditions of all cases receiving treatment abroad and providing for all their needs.

“We have been keen, since the first moments of the explosion, to take care of all our patients and provide the best services for them and their families at the expense of the state.”



Sports

## Libyan athlete accuses IOC of denying Libya a gold medal

The Libyan athlete Retaj Al-Sayeh has accused the International Olympic Committee (IOC) of depriving her and Libya of a gold medal in the discus throw game at the ongoing Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya, Turkey.

In a post on her Facebook account, Al-Sayeh explained that there was a difference of 3 meters between the 56.40-meter discus record registered in her name and the first-placed woman.

Al-Sayeh had previously complained about being denied participation in the Islamic Games competitions in Turkey, and that Libya's participation was limited to discus throw only because it won a medal in the Mediterranean Games in Algeria.

After Libya's modest results in the Mediterranean Games in the Algerian city of Oran, the Board of Directors of the IOC decided to limit participation in the Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya, Turkey, to the game of discus throw only.

However, Al-Sayeh called for exemption from this decision, because she did not participate in the Mediterranean Games, calling on the Olympic Committee to reconsider the decision.



Travel

## Afriqiyah Airways intends to increase its flights

Afriqiyah Airways has discussed increasing the number of its flights to Sabha and Benghazi, with two flights per week, through Mitiga International Airport, to facilitate movement of the citizens.

This came during the fourth regular meeting for the year 2022 of the Board of Directors of Afriqiyah Airways, which was held on Tuesday.

During the meeting, they also indicated that (Mitiga - Cairo) flights will be increased, bringing the total to five flights per week, starting from the middle of this month.



Travel

## 800,000 Libyan tourists entered Tunisia until the end of last July

Tunisian Tourism Minister, Mohamed El Moez Belhossein, has stressed the importance of the neighboring countries Libya and Algeria for improving tourism in his country, especially with the return of tourism activity, indicating that the number of Libyan tourists who entered Tunisia reached 800,000 until the end of last July.

The Tunisian minister's remarks came during his visit Monday to Djerba-Zarzis International Airport to examine the conditions for receiving tourists and citizens who chose to spend their vacation on the island of Djerba.

Belhossein also visited the Ras Al-Jdir border crossing, where he inspected the reception of Libyan tourists.

Art

## Fine arts exhibition in Tripoli sheds light on country's landscape and culture

The Libyan Society for Fine Arts has organized an art exhibition for artists Salah Ghaith and Mohamed Melitan entitled (Impressionist Aesthetics).

The exhibition was hosted by Dar Al Funun in Tripoli and will run from Saturday, August 6 until August 9.

The opening ceremony featured the participation of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Tourism Hanan Al-Hassi and the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Bashir Hashem. President of the Libyan Society for Plastic Arts, Mohamed Al-Ghariani praised in the opening speech the efforts made to make the event a success despite the lack of capabilities.

The exhibition showcased 79 paintings that highlight the aesthetics of the country's landscape and the sea, besides the cultural identity.

Education

## Minister of Education reviews possibility of teaching foreign languages in Libyan schools

The Minister of Education, Musa Al-Maqruf, has discussed the possibility of adding the Italian and French languages to the school curriculum.

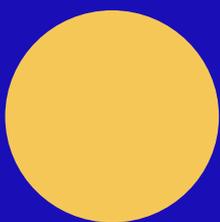
This came during his meeting with the committee formed to consider adding these languages, headed by the Undersecretary for Monitoring Affairs, Muhsen Al-Kabeer.

The minister was briefed on the findings of the committee at its previous meeting, stressing the need to start implementing the teaching of these foreign languages with the available qualifica-

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### Tripoli Weather Forecast



TODAY

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TUE



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