

## Politics

### A human rights organization calls for the release of female activist in Benghazi

Human Rights Solidarity has expressed its deep concern over the deteriorating health condition of Iftikhar Boudraa who is being detained by the so-called Internal Security Agency of Khalifa Haftar's forces in Kweifiya prison in Benghazi.

In a statement, the organization called on the Government of Na-

tional Unity to work for her immediate release and provide the urgent medical care needed.

A security officer visited her family in Benghazi and informed them that her health condition had seriously deteriorated, the organization said.

Mohamed Boudraa, the brother of Iftikhar appeared in a video clip saying that they were told that she was "between life and death."

Militias affiliated with Khalifa Haftar arrested the activist Iftikhar Boudraa in December 2018, because of her criticism of the security and economic conditions in Benghazi on her Facebook page.

A military court affiliated with Haftar had sentenced Boudraa to death by firing squad, before commuting the sentence to ten years in prison.

During her arrest, Boudraa suffered first-degree burn injuries more than two years ago, according to her brother Muhammad, who demanded an independent investigation into the circumstances of the fire incident that took place inside the Internal Security Department in the Kweifiya prison.

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### Libyan Attorney General reveals forgery in national ID numbers

The Libyan Attorney General, Al-Siddiq Al-Sour, revealed the registry of 86,090 citizens receiving salaries using forged national ID numbers that are not recorded by the civil registry's system, adding that this number is out of a total of 2.014.908 citizens who receive their salaries from state sectors.

Al-Sour said in a press conference on Wednesday that the number of false national ID numbers amounted to 88,819, benefiting from about 208 million dinars, highlighting the assignment of committees from the civil registry under the supervision of a member of the Attorney General's office to work on a comparison between the data of the civil registry's system and paperwork.

The Attorney General said that investigations into the civil registry's system began in 2017, and there is no problem in continuing with them, following the formation of committees to speed up the pace. He stressed that "any person who commits violations will not escape punishment, regardless of who they are or what their capacity is."

He revealed that there's an investigation into the circumstances of granting 48,000 national ID numbers to non-Libyans, as well as the presence of nearly 64,000 national ID numbers in the national ID number system without registering them in the civil registry's system.

About General National Congress elections in 2012, Al-Sour said

they had registered 15,000 forged voter cards, while the number of forged voter cards in the elections that were scheduled to take place at the end of last year amounted to 3,829.

He also talked about the children's allowance grant, saying 23,000 beneficiaries of the grant, an amount of 7 million dinars within 3 months, were not registered with the civil registry's system, while 2,534 people received a grant from the personal purposes' system with a value of more than 98 million dinars without being registered in the civil registry's system.

Al-Sour said that he had issued a decision to all public order prosecutors in Libya to move to the offices and branches of the civil registry, in cooperation with the Head of the Civil Registry Authority, to form committees to work on matching existing documents with digital documents in the system with the aim of "cleaning" the data and national ID numbers so that the documents issued by the Libyan authorities become valuable.

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### Anadolu Agency: Senegalese diplomat "Bathily" is the new



Diplomatic sources at the United Nations confirmed to Anadolu News Agency that there are no objections from the 15 member states of the UN Security Council to the appointment of former Senegalese minister, Abdoulaye Bathily, as a new head of the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL).

The Agency said that the sources, who asked to remain anonymous, confirmed that there was a clear approval from all members of the Council to appoint "Abdoulaye Bathily", and that now the whole situation is awaiting an official announcement by the office of United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Anadolu News Agency also said that Guterres did not receive any

objection from the presiding President of the Security Council, Chinese ambassador: Zhang Jun, to the nomination of the Senegalese diplomat for the position; however, the Libyan ambassador to the UN, Taher El Sonni, objected to the appointment and said the Libyan government wanted a person of more capacity for the job.

Libya's ambassador to the United Nations (UN), Taher El Sonni, said that there is a difficulty in appointing a special envoy to Libya due to the lack of consensus within the Security Council, adding in his media stakeout following a Security Council session that the Government of National Unity objected to the nomination of the Senegalese diplomat, Abdoulaye Bathily, for the position of the UN envoy, not because of his person, but because Libya, after 9 UN envoys, deserves a person with more capacity.

El Sonni said on Twitter on Tuesday that the Libyan crisis cannot be reduced to the appointment of an envoy, expressing his surprise at those who defend a particular envoy, given that all previous envoys were criticized.

He added that the UN mission is a *fait accompli* and an international consensus may help Libya more than a local one in the quest to resolve the crisis. He also stressed that the actual solution must be from Libyans, reiterating that the success of any envoy is linked to international influence and the agenda of the Security Council.

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## A group of MPs criticise British ambassador for 'siding' with Dbeibah's government

A group of MPs have criticised British Ambassador Caroline Hurd after telling Aljazeera Live that she would continue to work with the Government of National unity as it came to power under a consensus process.

The MPs said her statement was an intervention in internal affairs and a violation of Libyan sovereignty.

"The British ambassador, Caroline Hurd forgot that the consensual context that she referred to, gained its legitimacy from the House of Representatives, which is the same that approved the Bashagha government," a statement by the group of MPs said.

They accused her of bias towards a party and an attempt to impose a *fait accompli* by force.

The group recalled some of her activities, which they said show increasing interference in Libyan affairs, besides the ambassador of the United Arab Emirates.

They warned that they would take further steps against all ambassadors and envoys who exceed the limits of their diplomatic duties, as they put it.

The House of Representatives had previously declared the British ambassador a *persona non grata*.

The House's remarks coincide with Fathi Bashagha's statements, in which he confirmed that he would cut all ties with the British Embassy under the current ambassador's leadership before retreating from his comments.



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## GNU: PM received no Turkish deal to

The spokesman for the Government of National Unity, Mohamed Hammouda, has shut down claims that Turkey had urged Prime minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah to hand over power to his rival Fathi Bashagha.

"Turkey has not presented any political initiative related to the current situation," Hammouda said, denying that a Turkish envoy is visiting Libya these days to negotiate the matter.

"The Turkish authorities have reaffirmed their position on the Libyan file that supports stability, calm, and going to elections as a solution to the crisis," Hammouda added.

In this context, Turkey's ambassador to Libya, Kanaan Yilmaz, has denied that his government requested PM Dbeibah to step down, insisting that such news is baseless.

Yilmaz said his country's approach toward the Libyan crisis is based on establishing dialogue based on consensus between the parties to resolve the existing political disputes and go to elections.

The Turkish ambassador made it clear that they were ready to play the mediation role to achieve consensus between the conflicting parties and to host a meeting without distinguishing between east, west, and south.

He reiterated the importance of not resorting to force to reach political goals, expressing his hope that the parties in Libya will achieve compromise solutions.

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## Libyan Supreme Court reactivates constitutional circuit court



The Chief Justice of the Libyan Supreme Court, Mohammed Al-Hafi, announced Thursday the reactivation of the constitutional circuit court which has been suspended since 2016.

Al-Hafi said in a video statement that the Supreme Court's General Assembly decided unanimously to reopen the constitutional circuit court, saying it promises all Libyans that it would remain unbiased and stick to the rule of law.

Politicians, jurists, and political parties have called for years to reactivate the constitutional circuit court so that it can decide on the authorities of current bodies, especially after some of them took advantage of each other and exploited certain political bodies due to the absence of the constitutional circuit court. Those bodies bypassed their constitutional duties and legislated laws to serve certain parties without considering the governing constitutional rules. Commenting on the event, Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah welcomed the reactivation of the constitutional circuit court and wished it would prevent violations of some parties as well as the decisions that were made by some parties in violation of the political agreement and constitutional document.

The constitutional circuit court of the Supreme Court adjudicates cases and appeals of constitutional and legal aspects. It also specializes in adjudicating cases and disputes about laws, legislation and decisions issued by the executive and legislative authorities, as well as any violations or challenges to the constitutional declaration.



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## Erdogan reiterates to Al-Mishri Turkey's support for Libyan unity

The Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan reiterated his country's support for the unity and stability in Libya as well as for holding elections based on a constitutional framework and consensual laws.

High Council of State said its Head Khalid Al-Mishri met with Erdogan on Wednesday in Ankara and they discussed joint relations and the latest political developments in Libya.

Turkish presidency said Erdogan met Al-Mishri on Wednesday but gave no details on the visit's agenda.

Al-Mishri arrived in Turkey last Tuesday and met with the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mevlut Cavusoglu, who said Ankara was continuing its support for Libya to end the political deadlock and regain stability. He also met with the Turkish Defense Minister Halusi Akar wh reiterated Turkey's military support for Libya.



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## Williams: HCS and HoR's mandate terms ended a long time ago

The ex-advisor of the UN Secretary General on Libya, Stephanie Williams, said the term of mandate of the House of Representatives (HoR) and High Council of State (HCS) ended a long time ago: the former over 8 years and the latter over 10 years, calling on them to assume responsibility by agreeing on a roadmap leading to elections based on a constitutional framework.

Williams told Asharq Al-Awsat Tuesday that the protests that took place in in Libya last July were an explicit call for elections, stressing that the HCS and HoR bear a clear responsibility towards Libyans and the future generations to make the historic concessions necessary to reach the required changes.

She also stressed that elections are possible in Libya, and they are the solution to the ongoing conflict over the executive authority, adding that the HCS and HoR should overcome differences in the spirit of concessions and a strong support from the international community.

Williams told Middle East Monitor website that most Libyan leaders love to court external actors, to travel the world, and receive the red carpet treatment," saying that the same leaders, "hypocritically, publicly blame external actors for what are in the end mostly Libyan failures" to reach the needed consensus.



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## Ambassador: After 9 UN envoys, Libya deserves a person of more capacity

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He also called for deep and serious consultations with Libyans regarding the new UN envoy to ensure that working with the UN mediator would be successful.

El Sonni indicated that Libya needs an international consensus in order to implement the agreed-upon solution of reaching parliamentary and presidential elections and to end the dispute over legitimacy, stressing that interventions in Libya had been a challenge since 2011 and the accumulation of those interventions made it difficult to establish a Libyan-led political process.

Diplomatic sources expect UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to announce Senegalese diplomat Abdoulaye Bathily as the new UN envoy and Head of UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL).

Anadolu News Agency reported sources that asked to remain anonymous as saying that Guterres had already recommended the Senegalese diplomat to be the new head of UNSMIL in an official letter to the members of the UN Security Council, and he is awaiting their approval because the appointment of the heads of UN missions requires that none of the 15 member states of the Security Council voices objection.



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Economy

## Bengdara, Oun review oil and gas sector's future work mechanisms

The Chairman of the Libyan National Oil Corporation (NOC) Farhat Bengdara discussed in a meeting, attended by the NOC board of directors and other sector employees, with the Minister of Oil and Gas, Mohammed Oun, the mechanisms for the future work of the oil sector.

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## Waha Oil Co. starts operational tests for Dahra field in Sirte

Waha Oil Company has started operational testing at the Dahra field, located southwest of Sirte, after nearly seven years of suspension.

The start-up operations of the PL5-1 station and the main station in the Dahra field have begun, the company said on Facebook Wednesday.

It indicated that the PL7-2 station will be operated during the next week, with production expected to reach eight to ten thousand barrels per day at the field before the end of this year.

It may be worth noting that the Dahra field, which is one of the oldest fields discovered by the Waha Company, has been out of service since 2015 after it was sabotaged by the ISIS group during their control of the area.

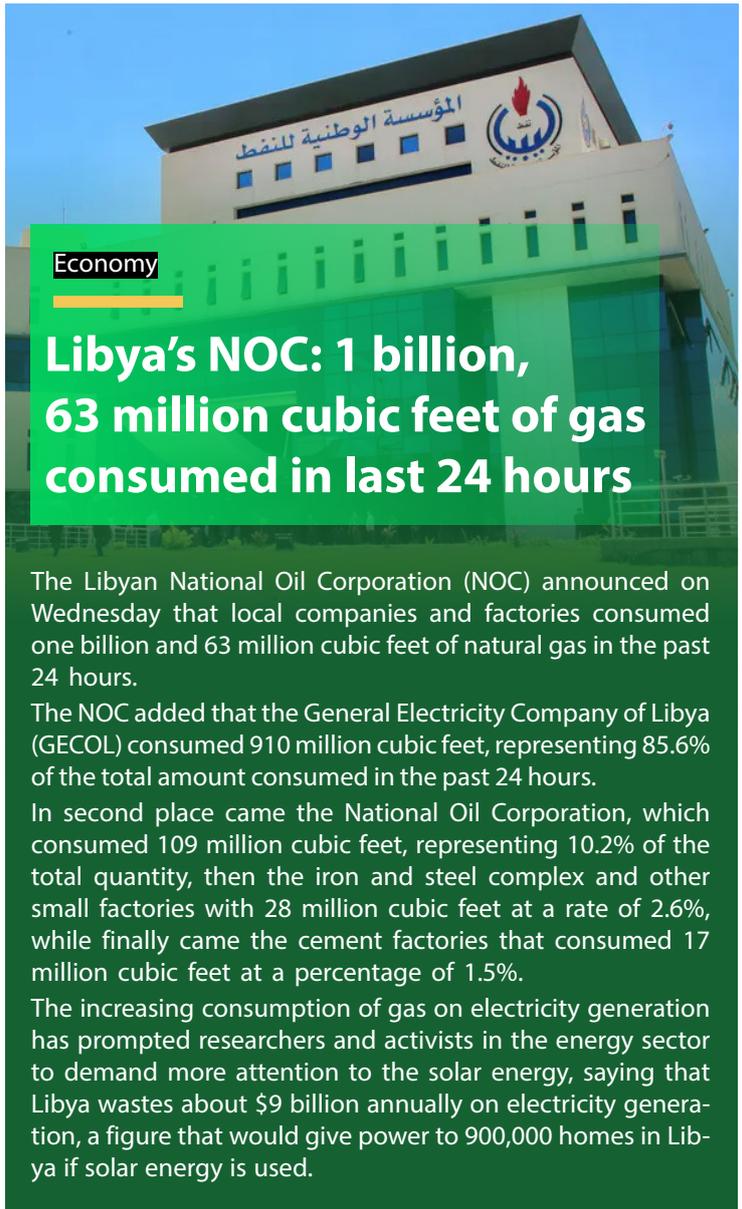


Economy

## Nigerien delegation arrives in Misrata for talks on trade with Africa

The Misrata Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture discussed with a delegation from Niger, headed by the governor of the Agadez region, Maghaji Min Dada, economic issues of common interest and developing means of cooperation.

The two sides met on Tuesday in Misrata with the participation of the chairman of the Agadez Regional Council, Mohamed Anako, and the head of the regional councils in Niger. The meeting discussed facilitating trade exchange and cooperation in various economic fields and opening roads for transit trade between Libya and the rest of the African countries, according to Misrata's chamber of commerce.



Economy

## Libya's NOC: 1 billion, 63 million cubic feet of gas consumed in last 24 hours

The Libyan National Oil Corporation (NOC) announced on Wednesday that local companies and factories consumed one billion and 63 million cubic feet of natural gas in the past 24 hours.

The NOC added that the General Electricity Company of Libya (GECOL) consumed 910 million cubic feet, representing 85.6% of the total amount consumed in the past 24 hours.

In second place came the National Oil Corporation, which consumed 109 million cubic feet, representing 10.2% of the total quantity, then the iron and steel complex and other small factories with 28 million cubic feet at a rate of 2.6%, while finally came the cement factories that consumed 17 million cubic feet at a percentage of 1.5%.

The increasing consumption of gas on electricity generation has prompted researchers and activists in the energy sector to demand more attention to the solar energy, saying that Libya wastes about \$9 billion annually on electricity generation, a figure that would give power to 900,000 homes in Libya if solar energy is used.

Opinions

# Is the military discourse antagonist to the civil right to life?

By **Fathi Salem Abuzakhar**, a Libyan writer



Major General Ausama Al-Jayouli appeared on Libya Al-Ahrar TV, Wednesday 27 July 2022, threatening, albeit indirectly, with military intervention, which is rejected by all civilians in Libya without exception. The right of the Libyan people to life cannot be contested by Major General Al-Juwaili, nor even by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Mr. Mohamed Menfi.

The horror, destruction, death, loss of hope, and perhaps despair, caused by the civil war, as a result of the international conflict on Libyan soil, during the past decade has led Libyan civilians to disbelieve in anyone who thinks of returning to war under any justification. All civilians reject the presence of armed groups in their neighborhoods and refuse the politicians' use of the military in their political strife.

Flame of the crisis remains burning!

In our noble religion, the alphabets of civil human life forbid encroachment on people's blood, honor, souls, minds, and money. Who will guarantee their safeguard, General Al-Juwaili, if war ignites. Although the writer is pretty certain that the flame is in the hands of the conflicting countries, and the youth of Libya are the fuel. The bill for war machine and ammunition will be from the treasury of the Libyan people, and spending on reconstruction, all of them will be at the expense of human and local development.

Will the military people who sided with February, and Major General al-Juwaili among them, allow the conflicting countries not to hesitate to ignite war, out of their desire to kill, destroy and violate honour, and yet they are the supporters of the civil state and the right of the Libyan people to life. The equation here is not in state of equilibrium. Supporters of February and defenders of the Libyan people in 2011 should not turn into advocates of war and destruction, knowing that the flames of war are ignited by the hands of the conflicting countries, awaiting support of the military.

The Right to Life and the International Covenant:

There has been much talk, after the victory of February Revolution in 2011, about the right to life regulated by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, specifically paragraph (1) of Article No. (6), which states: "Every human being has the inherent right to life. This right shall be pro-

TECTED BY LAW. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life."

These rights cannot be understood by the military simply because their military doctrine views the opponent as an enemy, who can only be responded to by killing! Today, Major General Al-Juwaili cannot take sides so that he sees the other as an enemy, especially since Libya is experiencing a crisis in which the parties causing it overlap and whose interests are contradictory. Rather, the external parties play the key role, and they are the actors, and Libya remains the battle ground, and its youth is the fuel of the conflict, and the war expenses come from the treasury of the Libyan people, and everyone who appears to us to play a role on the Libyan political stage is a mere complement to the play of war and destruction on the land of Libya by foreign directing.

The war on ignorance, killing our youth is not the solution. Whatever the justifications of General Al-Juwaili regarding the acceptance of the Bashagha government, its legitimacy derives from an expired parliament, and even its decisions are issued by Mr. Aqila Saleh, who is rejected by most of the Libyan people, and with him a few who revolve in his orbit, and the Government of National Unity with all its defects remains the latest among the rest of the bodies. Furthermore, Mr. Dbeibah did not oppose or reject the elections, but rather supports them, provided that the election law does not accept the return of the military through the election window. The rejection of dual citizenship and the military is advocated by the majority of the Libyan people who are looking forward to a state of justice and law.

The threat of war is a wholesale killing of the youth of Libya, emptying the treasury of the Libyan people, and delaying the reconstruction of Libya. Are these the ambitions, of those who threaten of war? This question is addressed to you, Mr. Ausama Juwaili, as one of the revolutionaries of February 2011? History keeps recording!

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Health

## PM Dbeibah launches a special national program to treat infertility

The Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity (GNU), Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, has discussed the problems and difficulties facing infertility hospitals and centers in the country and ways to overcome them.

This came during his meeting on Tuesday with a number of directors of hospitals and centers for infertility treatment from different parts of the country, in the presence of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, Tawfiq Al-Darsi.

PM Dbeibah gave instructions to launch a special national program for infertility treatment at six centers, demanding the attendees to submit a proposal for an integrated program, confirming the GNU support with all the necessary capabilities it needs, according to the Prime Minister media office.



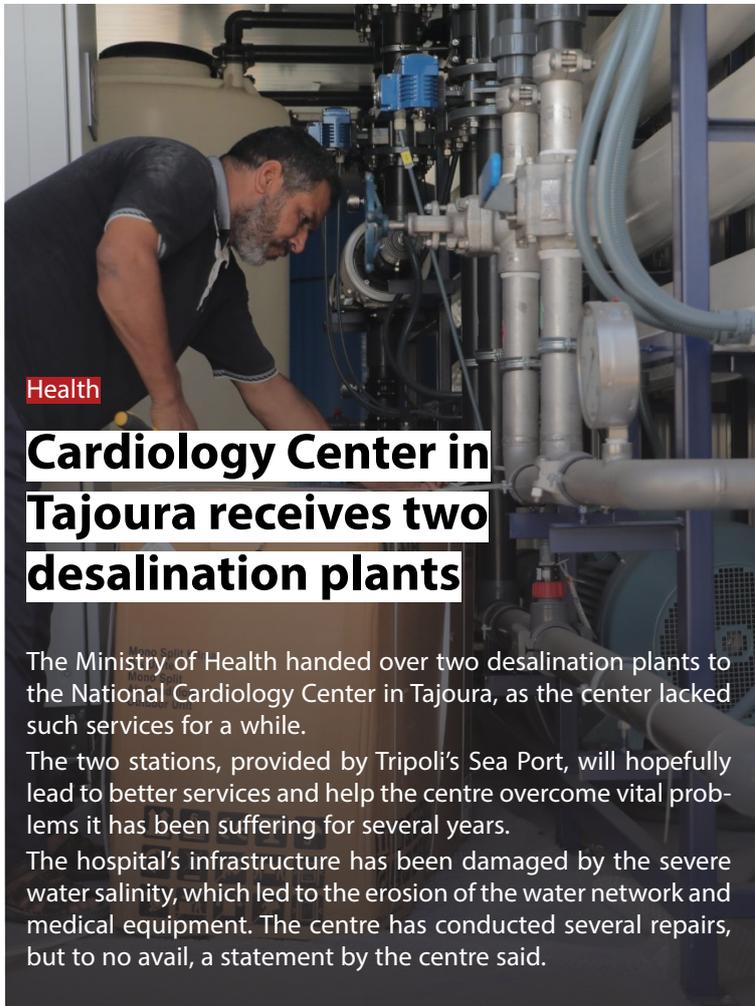
Health

## Health Ministry, ICRC discuss health challenges in Libya

The head of the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) office in Libya, Jean-Nicolas Marti, discussed with Libya's Health Minister, Ramadan Abu Jinnah, the challenges facing the health sector in Libya.

Marti's meeting came days before his meeting with Abdullah Al-Lafi, the Deputy of the Presidential Council, and the head of the Humanitarian Affairs Committee of the Libyan Army, Colonel Hatem Al-Kadiki, to examine the missing person file and access to places of detention, in addition to the ICRC's working methods in this regard.

The Red Cross stressed the need to resolve humanitarian concerns regarding missing persons and for all arms bearers to respect international humanitarian law.



Health

## Cardiology Center in Tajoura receives two desalination plants

The Ministry of Health handed over two desalination plants to the National Cardiology Center in Tajoura, as the center lacked such services for a while.

The two stations, provided by Tripoli's Sea Port, will hopefully lead to better services and help the centre overcome vital problems it has been suffering for several years.

The hospital's infrastructure has been damaged by the severe water salinity, which led to the erosion of the water network and medical equipment. The centre has conducted several repairs, but to no avail, a statement by the centre said.

Crimes

## Outlaws dens inhabited by foreigners raided on Airport Road



The Ministry of Interior of the Government of National Unity has announced raiding dens of outlaws in Airport Road in Tripoli, arresting a number of them.

The support force of the security directorates in the regions received reports and complaints about the presence of houses and farms inhabited by some people of African nationalities, that are used for prostitution and the abuse of alcohol and drugs, the ministry indicated, confirming that all legal measures were taken.

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Crimes

## Criminal Investigation Agency thwarts fuel smuggling operation

The Criminal Investigation Agency has thwarted a fuel smuggling operation through the Ras Ajdir border crossing, which it described as a “huge”, behind which was an organized smuggling network, confirming the seizure of 23 trucks loaded with 80,000 liters of fuel.

The agency explained that the operation carried out by members of the Ras Ajdir border crossing office of the Criminal Investigation Agency, took place after members of the investigation unit received information from confirmed sources that this network was ready to carry out the smuggling inside trucks of goods destined for Tunisia.

It also confirmed that all necessary legal measures were taken regarding the arrested, while the seized trucks were referred to the Customs Guard Center at the Ras Ajdir crossing.



Sports

## CAF renews the accreditation of the Benina Stadium to host matches in African competitions

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) has approved the Benina Stadium of Benghazi to host the matches of the four Libyan teams participating in the African competitions.

With this approval, the concerned Libyan clubs will not have to travel to neighbouring countries to play their matches in the African Champions League (CAFCL) and African Confederation Cup competitions (CAFCC) for the upcoming sports season, which starts next September.

It may be worth noting that Al-Ittihad and Al-Ahly Tripoli clubs will participate in the CAFCL, while Al-Akhdar and Al-Nasr will take part in the CAFCC.



Education

## Al-Qeib: Student scholarship will be disbursed within days

College students will start receiving student scholarships in the coming days, the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Imran Al-Qeib, has confirmed.

“We are currently working to enumerate students, and we have agreed with all student unions on the distribution method for higher and technical education,” Al-Qeib said during his speech on the occasion of International Youth Day on Friday.

He noted that the Government of National Unity was keen to increase the salaries of faculty members in universities in the last period, in addition to disbursing student scholarships.

It may be worth noting that Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah handed over the first batch of housing loans for the Youth Housing Initiative and needy families On Youth Day, which falls on 21 August.



Sports

## Al-Ittihad wins Libyan Futsal League title

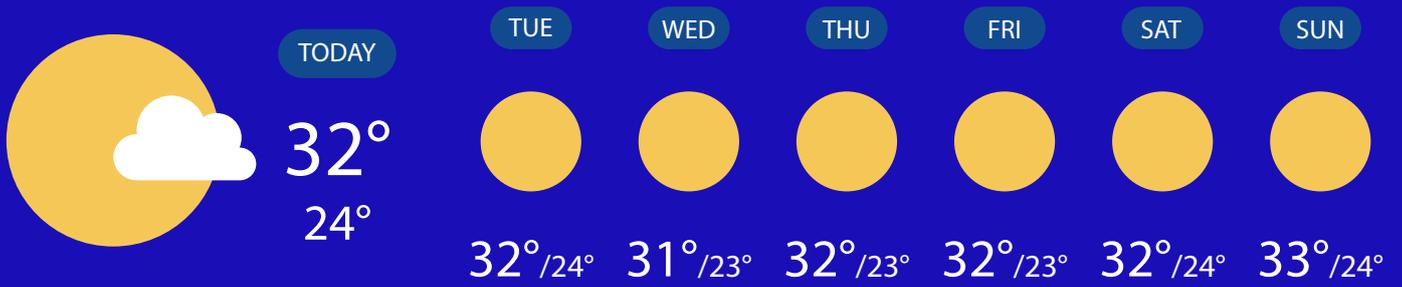
Al-Ittihad Football Club has won the Libyan Futsal League title after its victory in the last round against Al-Swehli by three goals to one.

Al-Ittihad succeeded in the finals that took place in the city of Al-Zawiya, with the participation of Al-Nasr, Al-Ittihad, Al-Swehli and Olympic teams, after winning two matches and drawing one, to add the league title to the Libya Cup title, which was crowned a few days ago in the Misurata Sports Hall against Al-Swehli as well. Al-Ittihad Club also won the Libyan Premier League for the 18th time in its history, after defeating its rival, Al-Ahly, two goals to one in a playoff match between the two clubs in the Tunisian capital, Tunis.

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