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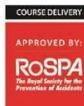


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OUTLOOK

Short term outlook

- The GNC has stated its intent to reinstall itself in the capital and to retake territory through force. Tensions in the south of the city between GNA and GNC aligned militias have spilled over into violence and further clashes are expected. This in turn is likely to exacerbate tensions in Misrata and could result in the Coastal Road west to Tunisia being closed in an attempt to stop reinforcements from Zawiyah where a number of militias have pledged allegiance to the GNC.
- Fighting continues in Sabha between GNA aligned forces and the LNA. Concerns remain of conflagration along tribal fault lines in the area which may be difficult to contain. Further airstrikes are also possible around Jufra as the LNA looks to disrupt supply lines and reinforcements supporting operations in Sabha.
- The LNA has begun its assault against Sabri and Suq Al-Hout in Benghazi. Locally, the LNA is confident of a victory before Ramadan begins. Defensive IEDs, extensive debris and tunnels are expected to complicate the advance.
- There may be attempts to destabilise the security situation around the strategic Coastal Road, west of Tripoli. The road remains vulnerable and is subject to closure with little to no notice and security incidents involving militia and criminal groups.
- Further 'retaliatory' attacks are possible along the western coast as anti-smuggling operations continue.

Medium to long term outlook

- A series of meetings at the end of April/ start of May have increased hopes that progress could be made towards breaking the current political impasse. The potential for a deal between the GNA and HoR/LNA is triggering reactions from other factions including the GNC which remains outside of the current political mainstream.
- Opposing ideologies which have been surfacing for some time now in Misrata, are now threatening the city's unity. While attempts are underway to heal the rift internally, the ongoing power struggle between the GNA and the GNC will continue to exacerbate the situation as will the LNA push against Misratan aligned units in Fezzan and talks between GNA and LNA.
- IS fighters are regrouping in remote areas of Libya including central, south and southwest regions with reports also suggesting they are infiltrating the Great Tripoli area and blending in with the local population. Although their capabilities are severely diminished, reducing their ability to control large areas, the group retains the capability to conduct terrorist attacks.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Governance

- Haftar and Sarraj are set to meet in the second half of May in Cairo to conclude an agreement prior to meeting US President Donald Trump in June.
- The GNA Minister of Foreign Affairs has come under pressure from two Tripoli based militia, for alleged pro-Haftar comments this week.

Security

- A brief spate of incidents involving the Awlad Suleiman and Hahameed tribes on 05 May has ended with both groups blaming criminal groups not representative of the tribes.
- Fighting has intensified in Benghazi with a large LNA offensive reported in the areas of Sabri and Suq Al-Hout, starting earlier this week. The LNA has taken control of a port area and claim other gains in the area.
- An armed clash has taken place between Zintan and returning Mashishiya Tribesmen in the Nafousa Mountains after Mashishiya IDPs made attempts to return to the homes they were displaced from in 2011.
- GNS President Khalifa Al Ghweil and President of the GNC, Nouri Abusahmain, have indicated plans for an armed incursion into Tripoli, in what they claim is an attempt to oust armed groups from the area.

KEY DATES

Date	Occasion	Comment
15 May 2017	Third anniversary of Operation Dignity (LNA)	Celebrations expected, mainly in the East along with a large military parade
11 June 2017	Anniversary of the Zawia second uprising	
25 – 27 June 2017	Eid al Fitr	End of Ramadan
20 August 2017	Anniversary of the Liberation of Tripoli	
01 – 03 September 2017	Eid ul Adha	Feast of Sacrifice
16 September 2017	Martyrs Day	
22 September 2017	Hijri New Year	
23 October 2017	Liberation Day	National holiday
16 September 2017	Martyrs Day	

THREAT MATRIX

Region	Political	Terrorism	Militancy	Crime	K&R
Tripolitania	High-Extreme	High	High	High	High
Cyrenaica	Moderate	High-Extreme	Moderate	High	High
Fezzan	High	Moderate	High-Extreme	High	High

Threat Scale

Minimal

Low

Moderate

High

Extreme

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Security

GNC prepares for possible incursion into Tripoli

After weeks of calm, the city saw a number of issues this week as various factions reacted to potentially warming relations between GNA President Fayez Sarraj and LNA Commander Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar after their 02 May meeting in Abu Dhabi.

On the evening of 08 May, reports indicated a build-up of armed groups in GNC controlled areas in the southern suburbs of the city. Overnight 10/11 May, clashes erupted in the Salahaddin area as the Prime Minister of the NSG, Khalifa al Ghweil met with the President of the GNC Nouri Abushamian. Ghweil indicated that their intent was to reinstall themselves in the capital once they had gained military control.

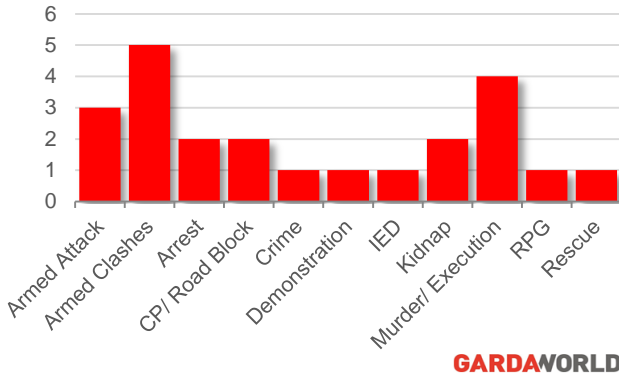
LNA begin assault into Sabri and Suq al-Hour, Benghazi

On 04 May, the LNA reportedly began their long awaited assault into Sabri and Suq al-Hout. The operations initially appeared to be more probing attacks with the tempo of operations remaining more or less the same. Four days later, the LNA launched a significant push on multiple fronts into both neighbourhoods. Various casualty figures were released by both sides however most figures appeared to reflect the heavy fighting in the area.

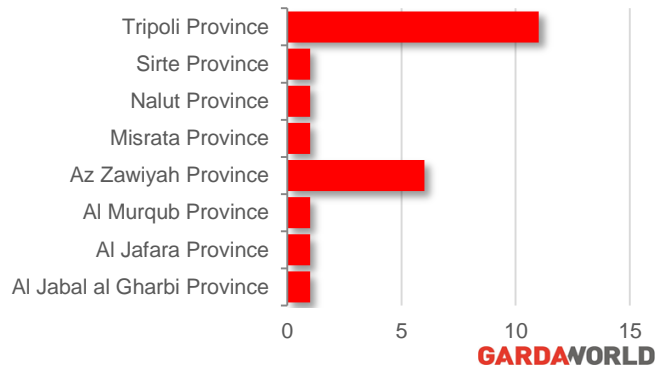
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Tripolitania

Incidents by type, 04 - 10 May



Incidents by district, 04 - 10 May

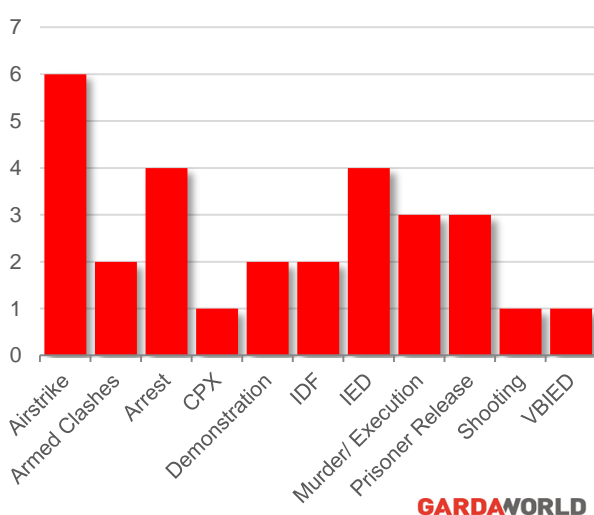


Significant activity

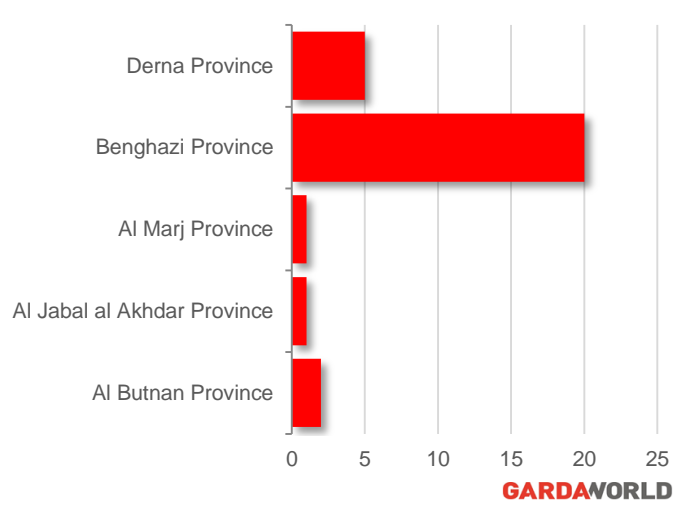
- Armed Clashes - 06 May 17, Az Zawiyah Province, Surman: Reports indicate that brief clashes broke out along the coastal road near Surman that led to road blocks being temporarily erected on the highway.
- Armed Clashes - 05 May 17, Tripoli Province, Abu Saleem: Armed clashes were reported in Abu Saleem.
- Armed Clashes - 07 May 17, Al Jabal Al Gharbi Province, Zintan: Armed men from Zintan opened fire on Mashashiya tribesmen near Zintan, wounding two people.
- Armed Clashes - 09 May 17, Tripoli Province, Martyrs' Square: Clashes broke out in central Tripoli around Soug Almosheer between members of Al Nawasy and residents of the old town. At least one person was reported to have been killed in the fighting.

Cyrenaica

Incidents by type, 04 - 10 May



Incidents by district, 04 - 10 May



Significant activity

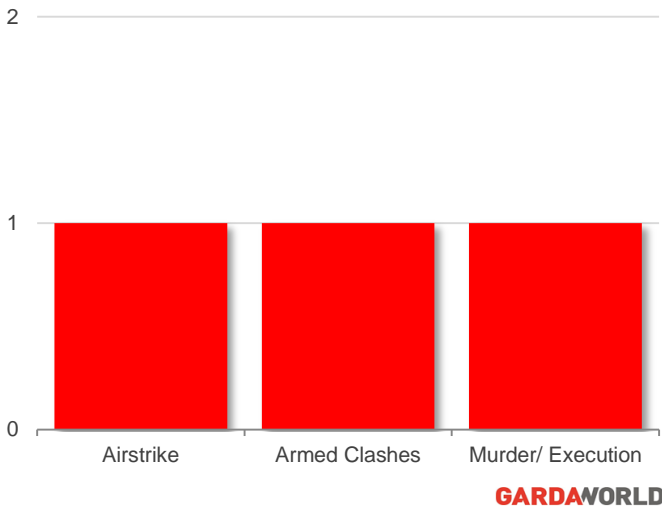
- Airstrike - 05 May 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: An LNA airstrike targeted a munitions store along Sharif Street in Sabri. A second location was also targeted.
- CPX - 05 May 17 22:00, Benghazi Province, Sabri: The LNA mounted an attack in Sabri and Suq al-Hout. Between 2200 and 0400hrs at least six airstrikes were reported along with artillery fire. Local reports suggest eight LNA soldiers were killed in action.

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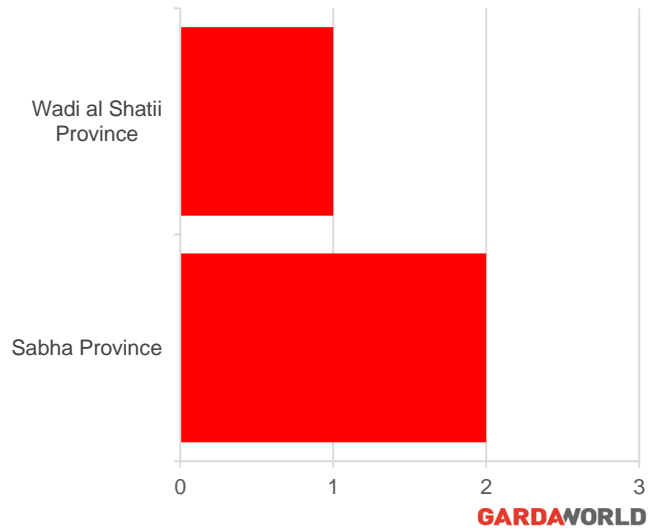
- Armed Clashes - 08 May 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: Heavy fighting is ongoing in Sabri as the LNA advance into the area, currently held by the RSCB and allies, including IS.
- Airstrike - 07 May 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: LNA launched a number of airstrikes against opposition positions.
- Armed Clashes - 08 May 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: Armed clashes in Sabri have left 13 dead and 55 LNA injured.
- Airstrike - 10 May 17, Benghazi Province, Sabri: LNA air force has targeted RSCB positions in Sabri.

Fezzan

Incidents by type, 04 - 10 May



Incidents by district, 04 - 10 May



Significant activity

- Nothing significant to report.

ACRONYM LIST

- AAS – Ansar al-Sharia (AQ affiliate)
- AQ - Al-Qaeda
- BAM – Al Bunyan Al Marsous (Misrata aligned)
- BDB – Benghazi Defense Brigade / Saraya Defend Benghazi (SDB) (Al Qaeda-aligned – AAS and RSCB associated/umbrella group)
- CNI – Critical National Infrastructure
- GATMJB - Operations Room for the Liberation of the City Ajdabiya and Support for Benghazi Rebels
- GECOL – General Electricity Company of Libya
- GMMR – Great Man-made River
- GNA – Government of National Accord (UN backed)
- GNC – General National Congress (Tripoli-based)
- HCN - Host Country National
- HoR – House of Representatives (Tobruk based)
- IDP - Internally Displaced Persons
- IED - Improvised Explosive Device
- IOC - International Oil Company
- IS - Islamic State
- LNA – Libyan National Army
- LPA – Libyan Political Agreement
- LROR - Libyan Revolutionary Operations Room
- MoD - Ministry of Defense
- MoF - Ministry of Finance
- MoFA - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- MoHE - Ministry of Higher Education
- Mol - Ministry of Interior
- MoJ - Ministry of Justice
- MoO - Ministry of Oil
- MoT - Ministry of Transportation
- MSCD – Mujahideen Shura Council of Derna (AQ aligned)
- NFDK - No Further Details Known
- NGO - Non-Governmental Organization (aid/charity)
- NOC – National Oil Company
- NSG – National Salvation Government (GNC)
- NSTR - Nothing Significant To Report
- PAX - Person, Persons or Passenger
- PC – Presidency Council (GNA)
- PG – Presidential Guard
- PFG- Petroleum Facilities Guard
- PSC - Private Security Company
- PSD - Private Security Detail
- RPG - Rocket Propelled Grenade
- RSCB - Revolutionary Shura Council of Benghazi
- RTA - Road Traffic Accident
- SDB – Saraya Defend Benghazi / Benghazi Defense Brigade (BDB) (Al Qaeda-aligned – AAS and RSCB associated/umbrella group)
- TCN - Third Country National
- Technical - An improvised weapon-mounted pick-up truck
- UXO - Unexploded Ordnance



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