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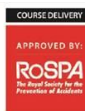
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**ACTIVITY MAP**



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|     |     |             |         |       |     |         |             |             |        |              |       |                |          |             |        |           |
| IED | SAF | Armed Clash | Suicide | VBIED | IDF | SA Fire | HG/Mine/RPG | CP Incident | Kidnap | Civil Unrest | Crime | Threat Warning | Accident | Military Op | Health | Airstrike |

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**OUTLOOK**

**Short term outlook**

- Tensions remain high in southern Tripoli following recent clashes.
- Clashes in Sabratah appear to be approaching an end. However, the AIOR supported by the LNA could decide to pursue retreating troops and take control of more territory.
- A large IS attack in Misrata is likely to elicit a strong response from Misratan militia groups against IS locations. The incident also demonstrates current IS capabilities and intent to target iconic targets with CPX attacks.
- Tensions remain elevated along the Zuwara, Sabratah and Zawiyah coastal areas due to a number of issues including a complex security environment involving fuel smuggling and people trafficking.

**Medium to long term outlook**

- The unveiling of a UN sponsored action plan, aimed at resolving the crisis in Libya, is expected to see long term changes in the political and security landscape in the country. Efforts will be made to return all stakeholders to the discussions and push forward a national political constitution. Presidential and Parliamentary elections will be prepared for late-2018.
- GNA President Serraj and LNA Commander Khalifa Haftar, remain central to international stakeholders' attempts to unify east and west. However, alternative solutions are being pursued by other entities with opposing factions. As factions move closer to a possible deal, tensions are likely to increase inside Libya, and there is potential for some level of fragmentation of their support bases. As a result, new alliances may be formed as progress leaves some with reducing levels of influence.
- The remnants of the GNC, which has allegedly benefited from Qatari support, remain politically isolated after losing their footprint in the capital at the end of May. Their last attempt to take territory in the capital by force failed when their fighters were forced from Garabuli on July 11, and support appears to be waning. The threat is assessed to be evolving as the GNC, and associated forces adapt to the changing environment. While intent is assessed to remain, especially for the hardliners, tactics may alter.
- There are indications that IS is beginning to regroup in Libya. Some reports suggest fighters from Iraq and Syria are heading to North Africa. The group is reported to be present in some areas south of Sirte, Bani Waled, and Sabratah.

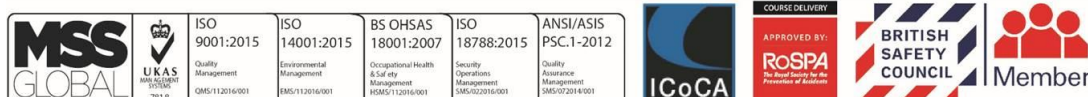
**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

**Governance**

- Stage one of LPD meetings in Tunis, aimed at agreeing amendments to the LPA, have concluded. The amendments will now be discussed within the HoR and HCS before the committees return in a week from now to begin stage two.
- Basit Igtet has responded to allegations that he is closely linked to extremist groups by stating that he does not belong to any particular party. He espouses a moderate Muslim approach and pledges to restore the Libyan identity.
- Airport security measures at Matiga Airport in Tripoli are currently high. International staff passing through the airport has been asked to show additional identification cards and handover mobile phones for examination.

**Security**

- IS militants launched a complex attack on the Misrata Courts Complex on October 04 involving IEDs and SAF. Four people were killed and around 40 wounded. A VBIED was used in the attack but it did not detonate.
- Two elders involved in the national reconciliation process have been shot and killed as they were driving from Mizdah to Bani Waleed. The attacks caused outrage in several areas of the country.



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- Heavy fighting has continued in Sabratah this week. The LNA has provided support to the Anti-IS Operations Room and, at time of writing, it appears that the group has taken complete control of Sabratah city.
- Clashes occurred in Tripoli between Nawasi Bde and Tripoli Revolutionaries' Brigade (TRB) forces. The situation appears to be resolved in the short term but clashes could reignite in the future.
- Basit Igtet has arranged further demonstrations, including another protest in Martyrs' Square, Tripoli on October 20.
- Clashes occurred in southern Tripoli (mainly Qaser Bin Ghashir) involving TRB with al-Kani fighters against a group associated with the former regime.
- A vehicle, carrying medical supplies for the International Committee of the Red Cross, was hijacked traveling through Zawiyah towards Sabratah. The vehicle was stolen and the driver assaulted.
- Officials in Sabha have threatened to close down the Sharara and El Feel oilfields and the GMMR if fuel supplies are not delivered to the area by the weekend.

**Travel**

- Benghazi Port officially reopened on October 01.

**Oil and gas**

- Sharara oilfield closed this week following demands from an armed group, involved in guarding the site. The site resumed production on October 04.
- The head of the National Oil Corporation has called for the criminalization of groups that disrupt oil production by blocking sites or turning off pipelines.

**KEY DATES**

| Date             | Occasion  | Comment                  |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|
| October 10       | Anti-government protest in Sabha                | Organized by Basit Igtet |
| October 20       | Anti-government protest in Martyrs' Sq, Tripoli | Organized by Basit Igtet |
| October 23       | Liberation Day                                  | National holiday         |
| December 24      | Independence Day                                | National Holiday         |
| 24 December 2017 | Independence Day                                | National Holiday         |

**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      | High  | High |

Threat Scale

Minimal Low Moderate High Extreme



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## LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

## Governance

## LPD meetings reach agreement

The Libyan Political Dialogue (LPD) meetings in Tunis have this week reached agreements on a number of issues, bringing stage one of the meetings to a close. The group discussed the structure and authority of the PC and the cabinet, as well as the process to select membership. It decided that the PC should reduce to three members, in addition to a prime minister. The group will now return to the HoR and HCS to relay the details of the discussions and gain further approval before moving on with the talks.

## Security

## IS attack Misrata Courts

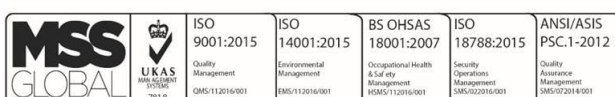
At approx. 1130hrs on October 04, IS militants launched a complex (CPX) attack against the Courts Complex in Misrata. A black Hyundai Santa Fe packed with 154kg of explosives, including 12 PRB M3 anti-tank mines was used probably with the intent to initiate the attack. Imagery of the vehicle indicates that it crashed into another vehicle. However the device did not detonate, for reasons unknown, and the group continued the attack. IEDs (likely BBIEDs) and SAF were used against security at the court's entrance. One attacker was able to gain entry and detonated his device in the inner hall. Four people were killed in the attack and around 40 more injured.

## WEEKLY OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

## Tripolitania

## Significant activity

- Shooting - Sep 29, early morning, Al-Jabal Al-Gharbi Province, Mizdah: Two elders from Bani Waleed, along with a policeman and driver were killed as they travelled from Mizda to Bani Waleed. The two elders were members of the Social Council of the Warfallah tribe and had been attending meetings in Mizdah. Three men were later arrested and charged with the shooting.
- Armed Clash - Sep 29, Az Zawiyah Province, Sabratah: Armed clashes continued in Sabratah. Anas Dabbashi is on the defensive and has retreated east and west of the city. Fatalities incurred during the full extent of the fighting are thought to be around 26.
- Threat Warning - Sep 30, Nalut Province, Nalut: An IS convoy travelled through the Nafusa mountains near Nalut close to the Tunisian border
- Armed Clash - Sep 30, Az Zawiyah Province, Sabratah: Fighting continued in Sabratah at a reduced scale.
- Armed Clash - Oct 01, Az Zawiyah Province, Sabratah: Despite calls for a ceasefire and apparent agreements by 48 Bde, heavy fighting continued in Sabratah.
- Armed Clash - Oct 01, 22:00, Tripoli Province, Gorji: TRB clashed with Nawasi Bde members in Gorji; three Nawasi fighters were killed and around five others injured in the fighting.
- IDF - Oct 01, Nuqat Al-Khams Province, Ajaylat: Artillery strikes occurred as clashes between AIOR and Anas Dabbashi continued.
- Armed Clash - Oct 02, Az Zawiyah Province, Sabratah: Clashes intensified in Sabratah; five people were killed and 12 more injured.
- Armed Clash - Oct 02, Az Zawiyah Province, Sabratah: A vessel which was allegedly carrying weapons was destroyed by the AIOR (details not known) near Sabratah.
- Accident - Oct 03, Tripoli Province, Tripoli: The former Passport and National Authority in al-Saydi Street caught fire.
- Mine Strike - Oct 03, Derna Province, Duhr al-Hamr: A member of MSCD was killed in a landmine explosion.
- CPX - Oct 04 11:30, Misrata Province, Misrata: Two IS fighters attacked Misrata Courts Complex, using IEDs and automatic weapons. At least four people were killed and around 40 injured.
- VBIED Find - Oct 04 11:30, Misrata Province, Misrata: Following the CPX attack on the Misrata Courts Complex a VBIED was found which did not detonate. 154 kg of explosives were found in the vehicle



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including 12 x PRM M3 AT mines, detonators and nuts and bolts. The explosives had been hidden in the doors and seats of the car, and in a suitcase.

- Armed Clash - Oct 04 18:00, Tripoli Province, Qaser Bin Ghashir: TRB and al-Kani clashed with alleged pro-Gaddafi fighters.
- Hijacking - Oct 04, Az Zawiyah Province, Harsha: A medical vehicle from the International Committee of the Red Cross was hijacked as it passed through the Harsha District of Zawiyah, on the Coastal Highway. The driver and assistant were assaulted and dragged from the vehicle. The attackers then took the vehicle.
- Armed Clash - Oct 04, Az Zawiyah Province, Sabratah: Armed clashes continued in the Sabratah area throughout the day.
- Armed Clash - Oct 05, Az Zawiyah Province, Sabratah: Armed clashes continued in the Sabratah area throughout the morning. The fighting now appears to have increased in intensity.

## Cyrenaica

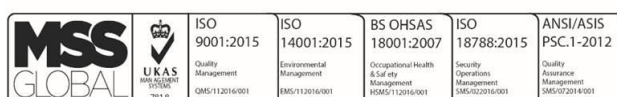
### Significant activity

- Arrest - Sep 29, Kufra Province, Kufra: Six Sudanese smugglers in six vehicles were arrested near Kufra.
- Airstrike - Sep 27, Egypt, Egyptian Border: The EAF has said that it destroyed ten vehicles in its Western Desert, accused of smuggling weapons into the country from Libya.
- Other - Sep 30, Benghazi Province, Ganfouda: Another mass grave has been found in the Ganfouda area of Benghazi, near the Chinese buildings.
- Arrest - Oct 02, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: Security forces in Eastern Libya have arrested a Lawyer, Osama Bufayed. Unofficial reports claim that the man was arrested after he criticized the HoR and Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar through social media.
- Armed Clash - Oct 04, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: A family dispute led to an armed clash.
- Demonstration - Oct 04, Benghazi Province, Benghazi: A student protest occurred in Benghazi after students were attacked by security guards.
- Mine Strike - Oct 04, Benghazi Province, Bunasib: A child was injured after a mine detonated in civilian home in Bunasib.

## Fezzan

### Significant activity

- Blockade - Oct 01, Wadi Al-Hayaa Province, Sharara Oilfield: Oil workers closed down the Sharara oilfield over pay disputes. The oilfield reopened on the morning of Oct 04.



## ACRONYM LIST

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  
 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  
 LIFG – Libyan Islamic Fighting Group  
 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  
 MoI - 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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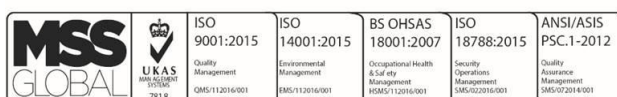
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