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Libya.

Travel links.

Lufthansa commenced three Frankfurt/ Tripoli flights weekly Monday, Thursday and Sunday, on Feb 2nd.

The French carrier Aigle Azur has announced that biweekly passenger flights between Paris and Tripoli will commence in March.

Security.

Libya's interim prime minister, Abdurrahim al-Keib Sunday called for a regional security conference to tackle a proliferation of weapons by exiled supporters of former Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi.

The Libyan PM said that the new government is committed to a peaceful transition. He said that the recovery of weapons in circulation, the Libyan border security with neighboring countries, the fight against illegal immigration, and drug trafficking represent the most immediate challenges for the reconstruction of Libya.

According to latest reports, Libya's interior ministry has banned the use of tinted windows in cars and has asked the law enforcing agencies to strictly enforce the law.

This law follows the growing number of street crimes and kidnappings in the capital, Tripoli. Any car with tinted windows will not be allowed on the roads and its owner will be subjected to a heavy fine.

Technology

The Libyan International Telecom Company(LITC) announced the activation of the new upgraded submarine cable system between Libya and Italy using the latest technologies to provide huge capacities reaching 40Gbps instead of the old system (2.5 Gbps).

Comment

Rule of law has become a prevalent subject of conversation among Tripoli residents. Criminal elements are undoubtedly taking advantage of the absence of police officers or response in the city. It appears that

Police officers remain fearful of reprisals and are reluctant to operate on the streets after dark.

Wednesday night saw disturbances in the NW of Tripoli with prolonged exchanges of heavy gunfire. No press reports have covered the events,

Local reports are summarised here;

The Misurata brigade had earlier on taken over one of Sa'adi Gaddafi's beachside villas (which he used for entertaining), near the Marriott Hotel. At about 3:30/4:00 p.m. It seems the Misurata had 'arrested' one of the Zintan brigade and was holding him at this house, the conflict occurred as Zintan fighters mounted a raid with a view to freeing him. Eventually the NTC or the Tripoli Council (not clear) sent over either regular army troops or Tripoli brigade troops (not clear) but whomever it was appeared to be able to defuse the situation within a couple of hours.

Trade delegations continue to visit Libya despite a statement by the foreign minister that these are premature. He has also recommended that council officials reject approached from delegations at this stage.

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