

## **Italian Ambassador Visits Zuwara(3) to Express Gratitude**

The Italian Ambassador to Libya, Giuseppe Maria Buccino Grimaldi, visited Zuwara on 23 November in order to offer his thanks to the local representatives who helped secure the release of the Italian engineer abducted there last July. During the visit, Ambassador Grimaldi met with the local council and called their help "essential" in securing the engineer's freedom. He added, though, that Libya suffers from a terrible reputation abroad, due to its ongoing political and security crisis. As such, Grimaldi focused his remarks on two issues: the need to resume a political dialogue to end the current violence, and the need to combat illegal migration.

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