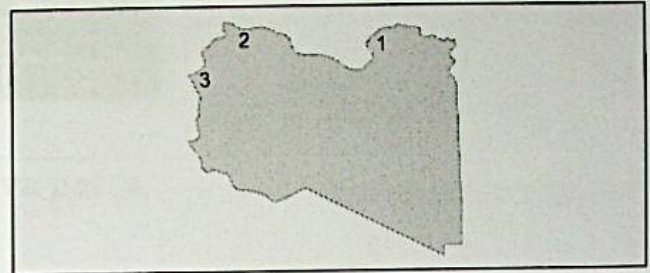


Summary: Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi calls on United Nations to play role in addressing illegal immigration to Italy via Libya; G7 countries express concern over violence in Libya; Supreme Court postpones ruling on legitimacy of Prime Minister-designate Ahmed Maetig's election; General National Congress member briefly held hostage



Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi Calls on United Nations to Play Role In Addressing Illegal Immigration to Italy Via Libya

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi called on the United Nations to play a role in addressing illegal immigration to Italy via Libya. According to Prime Minister Renzi, 96 percent of all illegal immigrants entering Italy transit through Libya first. The Italian Premier stated that the Libyan government has lost the ability to control its territory, making it necessary for the United Nations to involve itself by providing greater financial and political support to counter-illegal immigration initiatives. Prime Minister Renzi's remarks echo recent calls from other Italian officials, such as Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti, for the international community to increase involvement in efforts to tackle the illegal immigration crisis Italy faces.

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G7 Countries Express Concern Over Violence in Libya

The G7 countries issued a statement expressing concern over the ongoing violence in Libya. The statement came at the end of the G7 summit in Belgium, where the countries' leaders reportedly discussed Libya at Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi's prompting. The statement called on all political actors in Libya to peacefully resolve disputes and engage in a substantive national dialogue process. It also warned international and regional actors against interfering in Libya's internal affairs, words aimed at countries—such as Egypt, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates—accused of providing support to different militias in the country. The statement also expressed the G7 countries' support for the 25 June House of Representatives vote that many hope will bring an end to the crisis over the legitimacy of the General National Congress.

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Supreme Court Postpones Ruling on Legitimacy of Prime Minister-Designate Ahmed Maetig's Election

Libya's Supreme Court postponed the ruling it was supposed to issue on the legitimacy of Prime Minister-designate Ahmed Maetig's election to 9 June. The postponement will prolong the dispute between Maetig and acting Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thini over who has the right to call themselves Libya's rightful Premier. Al-Thini recently travelled to Benghazi(1) to meet with local leaders, including Special Forces commander Wanis Bukhamada, in a bid to demonstrate that he is actively leading the Libyan government. Following the meetings, al-Thini called on all Benghazi youth to support the Special Forces—a controversial move given that the Special Forces are fighting alongside Khalid Hiftar's force in its unauthorized offensive against extremist Islamist militias in eastern Libya.

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