

## **Italian Ambassador Giuseppe Buccino Grimaldi Gives Exclusive Interview to Libya Herald**

Italian Ambassador Giuseppe Buccino Grimaldi, who was recently appointed as Italy's Special Representative to Libya, gave an exclusive interview to the Libya Herald. Grimaldi stated that the Italian government's decision to appoint him as Special Representative indicates its concern with the situation in Libya as well as its commitment to helping the country. Grimaldi also addressed the crisis involving the legitimacy of the General National Congress, stating that elections for a new House of Representatives on 25 June could be a "way to resolve the domestic Libyan political process." Grimaldi refused, however, to take a side in the dispute between acting Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thini and Prime Minister-designate Ahmed Maetig over the rightful claim to the Premiership, noting that he has met with both figures recently.

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