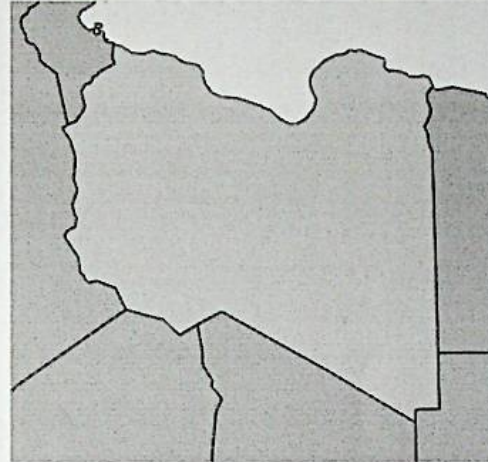

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Summary

UN-sponsored talks in Morocco began this week. The two rival Libyan governments, Tobruk and Tripoli, sent representatives to Egypt and Qatar. In Libya, clashes and attacks continue.



Diplomacy

Meetings for inter-Libyan talks sponsored by UN envoy Bernardino Leon began at the end of the week in Skhirat, Morocco. "Al Arabiya" reported that the Tripoli Congress delegation attended this latest session after failing to participate in the last two meetings held in Morocco and Switzerland. They will be joined by the Tobruk parliament delegation to discuss the future Libyan unity government. Leon is currently meeting separately with the delegations before the general meeting. He met first with the Tobruk representatives, then with the independents and finally with Tripoli. This week, the spokesman of the Tobruk parliament Faraj Buo Hashim embarked on a visit to Cairo accompanied by two other Libyan officials. The Foreign Minister from Libya's unrecognised Tripoli government Mohamed al Ghairani travelled to Qatar where he met with his Qatari counterpart Khaled Bin Mohamed al Atiya in Doha.

Politics

There is ongoing resistance within the Tripoli General National Congress to sign an agreement with Tobruk during talks in Morocco. The head of the GNC delegation Awd Abdel Sadiq announced he has no intention of presenting the nominations for the chief of the future Libyan unity government during the talks. Speaking to Libyan media, Sadiq said that "first we need to reach an agreement, we need to conclude the debate that began at the last round of talks in Geneva, and only after finding an agreement will we be able to give the names". He said it was "premature to talk about names". Tripoli's Congress has called for the amendment of nine points in the agreement, which has already been signed by Tobruk. According to Abdel Qader al Hawili, a member of the Congress' political commission, Leon has accepted amendments to seven of the nine points contested by the Congress. Discussions have been postponed on the remaining two points concerning the head of the armed forces and the removal of considered rebels such as General Khalifa Haftar.

Security

The Islamic State military leader, Faraj Kikban al Obeidi, has been killed in clashes with Mujahideen Council fighters in Derna, said "Al-Wasat". The clashes occurred in the 400 district controlled by the Islamic State. On the same day in Derna there were two attacks on a shop and a private residence. A car bomb exploded in Tripoli near the boundary wall of the al Hadba prison where Gaddafi officials, sentenced to death by local courts, are detained. It is unclear whether the target was the prison or the nearby al Kakla militia barracks. There are no recorded deaths. The news was confirmed by the Justice Ministry's foreign relations director in

Tripoli, Rabia Zubi, who said he was unaware of any casualties.

Based on news from the following Libyan newspaper and websites: Ean Libia, Al-Wasat, Libya Al-Mustakbal, Libya Herald, Libyan News Agency LANA, Al Hayat, Al Quds Al Arabi, Al Arabiya, Sky Arabia, Al Youm.