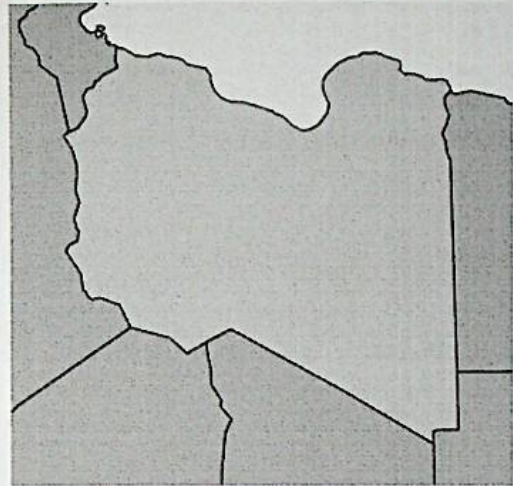

Libya**Sep 28–Oct 4****Summary**

Debate within the Tripoli Congress and the Tobruk parliament continued this week on the final agreement proposed by UN Envoy Bernardino Leon, who has come to the end of his term without a signed agreement from the conflicting parties. The UN has appointed his substitute: Martin Kobler.



Diplomacy

The President of the Tobruk Parliament, Aguila Saleh, met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry in New York at the beginning of the week. According to Libyan media, they discussed the inter-Libyan talks and the sanctions imposed by the international community on the Libyan government. At the end of the meeting, Spokesman for the Egyptian Foreign Ministry Ahmed Abu Zeyd reiterated that "the security and stability of Libya are an integral part of Egypt". Shoukry urged Saleh and all conflicting parties in Libya "to put aside personal interests and follow those of the country, establishing a national unity government as soon as possible". Regarding the talks, Leon said that "all parties in Libya are asking that the final agreement for the new unity government be signed in Libya and not abroad". Speaking in New York, he explained that "the UN has strongly urged all parties to sign the final political agreements within the next few days: we hope that the last round of talks can begin on Oct. 1 and that the first part of the agreement can be signed between Oct. 1 and 20". Libyan state press agency "LANA" reported that Leon hoped that "the parties will soon reopen dialogue and discussions on the nominations for the new government".

Politics

Sources close to the President of the Tripoli Congress, Nuri Aby Sahimin, have denied reports that appeared in the British newspaper "The Guardian" saying that the politician has accused Italian secret services of killing Salah al Maskhout. Al Maskhout's nephew, Rawad al Maskhout, said that "my uncle is well and is not a part of the human trafficking as reported by the media, who he asks to check their facts". Over the weekend, "Akhbar Libia 24" had reported that Salah al Maskhout had been killed in armed clashes on Libyan territory. An extraordinary meeting has been held in Tobruk to discuss the talks underway in Morocco with the Tripoli government. The President of the Commission for the dialogue, Suleiman Suiter, told "Al Tadhamaoun" that "we discussed what to do and whether it was the case to abandon the talks or return to Morocco. We handed out the text of the agreement to the majority of MPs although we discussed general issues. We still have to discuss some points regarding the presidency of the government and the High State Council". Tripoli's Prime Minister Khalifa al Ghweil has said that he "does not understand why the General National Congress of Tripoli continues to negotiate with the Tobruk parliament on the basis of an ambiguous document with unacceptable contents". Speaking during a conference organised in the Libyan capital, al Ghweil added that he regretted that "members of the Congress continue to sympathise with this document proposed by the UN that goes against national principles". As an alternative to Leon's negotiations, he proposed "national dialogue between Libyans, including tribal chiefs and influential people

from Libya's cities and regions, to discuss the problems in the country and reach an agreement that everyone is happy with". Meanwhile, the Tripoli Congress has criticised a speech given by Tobruk's President, Aguila Saleh, during the UN General Assembly in New York. In a statement, the Congress said that "such declarations fail to build trust and show the true colours of the parliament". Tripoli has urged members of the UN Mission in Libya, ambassadors of western countries and participants in negotiations to condemn Saleh's remarks. The Tobruk President attacked the Tripoli Congress, saying that it "represents the militiamen occupying the city and Al Qaeda who supports it with weapons from Sirte and Derna".

Security

The "Libya Herald" has reported that Salah al Maskhout, the suspected head of Libyan traffickers in Zuwara, Tripolitania, has been killed in Tripoli by a group of armed men. A further eight people, who reports say were al Maskhout's security detail, were also killed. According to a reconstruction by Libyan media, al Maskhout was in Tripoli visiting relatives. The group was stopped by security forces and a shoot-out ensued. Libyan media also reports that the bodyguards were "armed with AK47s". Last month in Zuwara, hundreds of migrants were killed when their boat capsized close to the shore. Al Maskhout's nephew, Rawad al Maskhout, has denied the killing of his uncle. In an interview with "Akhbar Libya 24", Rawad said "my uncle is well and is not a part of the human trafficking as reported by the media, who he asks to check their facts". Over the weekend, "Akhbar Libia 24" had reported that Salah al Maskhout had been killed in armed clashes on Libyan territory.

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