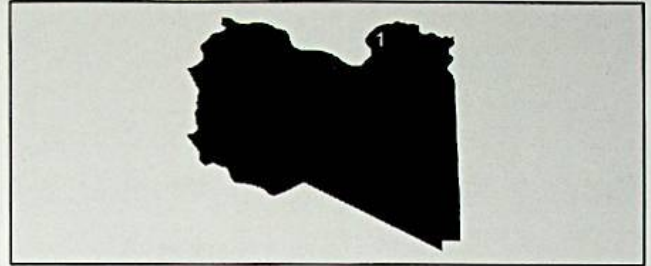


**Summary:** *Libyan government takes control of Hariga terminal; Violence continues to plague Benghazi; Italian Foreign Minister reaffirms commitment to supporting national dialogue efforts in Libya; United States and France express concern over presence of terrorist groups in Libya*



## **Libyan Government Takes Control of Hariga Terminal**

The Libyan government formally took control of the Hariga oil terminal from militiamen associated with the "Cyrenaica Regional Government" on 9 April. Preparations are being made for the relaunch of operations at Hariga, and sources suggest exports may resume as soon as 13 April. The handover comes as part of the interim agreement reached by the Libyan government and the "Cyrenaica Regional Government" over the occupied oil terminal dispute. The interim agreement—designed to serve as a goodwill gesture while negotiations over a comprehensive deal continue—also stipulates that the "Cyrenaica Regional Government" will cede control of the Zueitina oil terminal to the Libyan government. Although "Cyrenaica Regional Government" militiamen remain in control of Zueitina, a security source stated that a handover is expected to occur soon.

*Based on media reports in: al-Wasat, Libya al-Mustakbal, Libya for the Free*

## **Violence Continues to Plague Benghazi(1)**

Unknown assailants detonated an explosive device in a residential area of Benghazi during the early hours of 9 April. The blast did not result in any human casualties, but did cause material damage to surrounding buildings and vehicles. Hours later, the dead body of an apparently executed police officer was found in the city. Shortly thereafter, an explosive device detonated underneath the vehicle of an Air Force officer. The bombing killed the officer and wounded his wife and child, who were passengers in the vehicle. An explosive device also detonated underneath the vehicle of a Special Forces soldier, but he managed to escape without injury. The incidents mark the latest in a string of attacks—mostly targeting state symbols—that have plagued Benghazi since mid-2012. The Libyan government has been unable to stop the attacks, prompting frustration amongst local residents who generally blame anti-government Islamist militias for the violence. Highlighting the growing frustration in Benghazi, local residents are currently staging a general strike in protest against the deteriorating security situation in the city.

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## **Italian Foreign Minister Reaffirms Commitment to Supporting National Dialogue Efforts in Libya**



Italian Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini reaffirmed her country's commitment to supporting ongoing national dialogue efforts in Libya. According to Mogherini, the lack of consensus amongst political factions is fostering instability in the country and harming the Libyan government's ability to control illegal migration to Europe via its territory. Mogherini's remarks come at a time when illegal migration from Libya to Italy is on the rise due to improving weather conditions in the Mediterranean Sea. According to Italian Interior Minister Angelino Alfano, over 4,000 immigrants have arrived in Italy by boat over the past few days.

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