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**Country/entity** Libya

**Region** Middle East and North Africa

**Agreement name** Meeting Minutes

**Date** 23 Sep 2018

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim** Yes

arrangement

**Agreement/conflict** Intrastate/local conflict

level

Libyan Conflicts (1969 - 1994) (2011 - )

Agreements relate to two distinct conflict dyads.

Libya-Chad. Since the 1970s, Libya under Colonel Muammar Gaddafi had a tense relationship with its neighbour Chad, predominantly focused on the resource-rich Aouzou Strip in northern Chad. Libyan claims of the Aouzou Strip were held in an unratified treaty between France and Italy in 1935, similarly Chadian claims of the Strip were argued with support of a 1955 treaty between Libya and France. In 1973, Libya effectively annexed the Strip to gain access to natural resources. This spurred cross-border clashes between 1979 until 1987 until escalated to a brief war known as the Toyota War, wherein Chadian government troops succeeded in repelling Libyan forces. A brief and repeatedly violated ceasefire was held from 1987-88, followed by a series of unsuccessful negotiations, until an International Court of Justice ruling in 1994, which granted sovereignty of the Strip to Chad.

Libya post-Gaddafi. Gaddafi's downfall following the Libyan Civil War in 2011-2012, led to several factions fighting for the country's leadership. Since 2013, the country effectively split into three entities, with the National Army controlling the east including the city of Benghazi, and the New General National Congress and their militias such as the Golden Dawn controlling the northwest including the capital of Tripoli. Significant portions of the country in the south-west are currently held by Tuareg forces. The civil war and chaos continued into 2014 as the General National Congress refused to disband after the expiry of its mandate, resulting in eruption of mass protests. The UN efforts continue to broker peace between the Libyan Army and the Libya Dawn factions, and a partial ceasefire was declared in January 2015. A new interim-government (Tunisia-based) called 'Government of National Accord' is formed with the backing of UN despite the refusal of the other forces to recognise its authority and arrived to Tripoli with the UN in 2016. A state of emergency was declared by the UN backed government amid clashed between rival militia in Tripoli's southern suburbs. Since April 2019 there has been sustained fighting between the Libyan National Army and the UN-backed government in Tripoli as the Libyan National Army aims to seize Tripoli.

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Stage Implementation/renegotiation

**Conflict nature** Inter-group

**Peace process** Libyan local processes

**Parties** Mustafa Omar Karwad, Mayor of the Misratah Municipality, [SIGNED];

> Ramadhan Balfour Qabqoub, Mayor of the Tadjoura Municipality, [SIGNED]; Abdulraouf Hasan Bait Al Mal, Mayor of the Central Tripoli Municipality, [SIGNED]; Abdulrahman Aoun Al Hamidi, Mayor of the Abu Salim Municipality, [SIGNED] Hashem Al Hashemi Bin Yusuf, Mayor of the Souq Al Jum'ah Municipality, [SIGNED]

**Third parties** 

**Description** Appears to be a civilian call by mayors from opposing municipalities to implement the

Tripoli ceasefire from September 2018.

**Agreement** document

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**Agreement** 

LY\_180923\_Meeting Minutes\_AR.pdf (opens in new tab)

document (original

language)

## Local agreement properties

**Process type** Informal but persistent process

**Rationale** -> Link to national level; no external support mechanism; culture of signing Although the

> agreement was not supported by any formal mechanism at the national/regional level, it is embedded in a culture of signing (and supporting) agreements in this locale and in this

timeframe (August/September 2018). The agreement mentions that the parties "Support[ing] the [previous] agreement that was signed between the parties in the Zawiyah municipality, which was sponsored by the United Nations delegation [...]".

Is there a Yes documented link to a national peace

process?

Link to national

rationale

The agreement seems linked to the national process. It was signed by local state leaders process: articulated (mayors) from municipalities ostensibly on different sides of the conflict. Also, signing parties "call[ing] upon the UN delegation to bear its full responsibility towards the Libyan

people".

Name of Locale Tripoli

**Nature of Locale Smaller**  **GPS Lat/Long (DD)** 32.824159, 13.217396

**Participant type** Local state actor

**Mediator, facilitator** No mention of mediator or similar **or similar** 

## **Local issues**

Ritual/prayer and

No specific mention.

process (including use of scripture)

**Grievance List** Page 1, [...] the attendees of the meeting discussed the implications of the armed clashes

that are taking place in the capital, Tripoli.

Cattle rustling/

banditry

No specific mention.

**Social cover** No specific mention.