

Country/entity	Libya
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Declaration of Good Intentions
Date	17 Oct 2019
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict

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	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Libyan local processes
Parties	For the delegation of the Murzuq Arab citizens – Ali Mohamed SHAMSI For the delegation of the Murzuq Tebu – Al Senousi Aja Saleh TOKA
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement facilitated by Aca Pacis Initiatives for Peace, the aim of starting a process of restoring trust and supporting the return of the displaced.

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Formal structured process
Rationale	The meeting was organized by the not for profit organization Ara Pacis Initiative, with the support of the Italian government. Further meetings convened by Ara Pacis Initiative are planned.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	No mention of national peace process in agreement, and secondary research reveals no links.
Name of Locale	Murzuq
Nature of Locale	City
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	25.918266, 13.926000
Participant type	Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to

Mediator (references) The meeting was organised by the Ara Pacis Initiatives for Peace, an international non-governmental organisation based in Italy, supported by the government of Italy.

Type of mediator/facilitator/similar International or transnational actor

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture) No specific mention.

Grievance List No specific mention.

Cattle rustling/ banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
