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These attacks were carried out by foreign aircraft, and those countries must answer for the murders of innocents in Tripoli last night as well as for their partnership with a known war criminal. These atrocities and the violation of sovereignty require accountability and justice. The international community has a duty to intervene to support the internationally recognized Government National Accord and Tripoli's more than 3 million people.

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Khalifa Haftar's backers are funding and arming a man accused by the ICC of war crimes. In the process of funding Haftar's war machine, these foreign governments and backers are helping to create a humanitarian crisis in Libya, lay the groundwork for a resurgence of terrorism, and create a situation that will lead to mass migration of refugees to Europe.

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Graham Statement on Libya

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) today made this statement following a phone call with Libyan Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraj.

“I had a constructive phone call with the Prime Minister of Libya Fayez al-Sarraj. It is important the United States reinforce its commitment to a political solution in Libya and reject efforts by any party for a military takeover. The administration, in my view, needs to reaffirm past statements rejecting a military solution in Libya and pushing for political reconciliation.

“There will never be a military only solution in Libya, and the United States needs to lead the effort to bring about reconciliation between the recognized government of Libya and all factions on the ground.

“I very much appreciate the efforts to eradicate ISIS and other terrorist groups from Libya and strongly believe that if civil war spreads, terrorist groups will fill the vacuum.

“It is now time for the United States to lead the political reconciliation process and firmly reject any effort – by any party – for a military takeover.

“I appreciate the Prime Minister’s leadership and his willingness to work with all sides to ensure a peaceful resolution in Libya.”

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