

MEMO

DATE: January 24, 2020

SUBJECT: Libya Weekly Update

Below is a summary of the latest top headlines of the week surrounding the news in Libya. Key highlights include:

- General Haftar rejected political negotiations and a cease fire during the in the Berlin Conference and has continued his offensive on Tripoli. As international leaders sought a political solution in Libya, Haftar has decided to continue to attack and use oil sanctioning to cripple Libya's economy.
- The international community, joined by Secretary Pompeo, met at a peace summit in Berlin to discuss a ceasefire in Libya, along with an arms embargo. The international community agreed that a political solution is needed, and that there is zero chance for a military solution. United States officials were not impressed by the summit's inability to have both Haftar and Serraj in a room together to discuss a peace proposal.
- According to UNICEF, the children in Libya are "in dire and untenable situation that the rest of the world should find unacceptable."

Bloomberg (1/19): [Man Who Cut Libya's Oil Supply Is Getting Harder to Handle](#)

- General Haftar has followed through on his warnings that he would shut down half of Libya's oil production, right ahead of a summit to discuss peace in Berlin.
- United States officials were not impressed by the summit's inability to have both Haftar and Serraj in a room together to discuss what peace proposal.

The Guardian (1/20): [Libya oil production nosedives as Haftar ignores calls to end war](#)

- General Haftar rejected the most recent political negotiations in Berlin, continuing to ramp up economic pressure as well as his attacks on the ground.
- Forces loyal to Haftar also blocked oil exports from half of the countries ports in an attempt to put pressure on the GNA.

CNN (1/20): [Libya summit calls for sanctions if ceasefire is violated](#)

- The conference in Berlin that brought both sides of the Libya conflict into a summit to call for a ceasefire also proposed sanctions if the original ceasefire was violated.
- No truce agreement was struck at the summit, but the chances for an agreement to permanent ceasefire was unlikely before the conference.
- Secretary Pompeo noted that the U.S. believes all foreign forces should be out of Libya, and that a peace process should be pursued.

Disseminated by Mercury Public Affairs LLC, a registered foreign agent, on behalf of the Government of National Accord Libya, Office of the Prime Minister. More information is on file with the dept. Of justice, Washington, DC.

New York Times (1/19): [International Powers Call for Cease-Fire in Libya's Long Civil War](#)

- The international community, joined by Secretary Pompeo, met at a summit in Berlin to discuss a ceasefire in Libya, along with an arms embargo.
- Other notable attendees include President Putin and President Erdogan, both of whom have mercenaries actively on the ground in Libya.
- The international community agreed that a political solution is needed, and that there is zero chance for a military solution.
- Both sides of the conflict agreed to send representatives to another meeting in Geneva, where it is believed a solution will begin.
- General Haftar abruptly left the meeting in Berlin and was scheduled to visit Moscow the following day to hold discussions with President Putin.

CNN (1/18): [Tens of thousands of children in Libya at risk amid violence and chaos of civil war](#)

- Children in Libya are suffering directly due to the ongoing conflict on the ground.
- According to UNICEF, the children in Libya are “in dire and untenable situation that the rest of the world should find unacceptable.”
- Of the 150,000 internally displaced in Libya, 90,000 of these individuals are children.

###

Disseminated by Mercury Public Affairs LLC, a registered foreign agent, on behalf of the Government of National Accord Libya, Office of the Prime Minister. More information is on file with the dept. Of justice, Washington, DC.