

Sorry to reach out to you again so soon, but wanted to invite you to what should be a really fascinating Zoom webinar on Russian methods of dangerous foreign intervention in Libya and elsewhere. It will feature Candace Rondeaux of New America and Arizona State University, an expert on Russia's use of assets like the Wagner Group for these nefarious purposes. She will be joined by Mohammed Ali Abdallah, Special Advisor to the Libyan Prime Minister, who can provide the latest developments on the ground in Libya. (Both of their bios are attached.) Former Senator David Vitter will be moderating.

The webinar will be Friday, May 8, at 2:00 pm Eastern. It will last 45 minutes. To join the webinar, please just register through Zoom at the following link:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Please submit questions beforehand or during the webinar by emailing Senator Vitter at — dwitter@mercuryllc.com. When you do, please identify yourself and for whom you work.

The importance of this topic is underscored by two recent developments. First, the US military announced that Russian interference in Libya in support of warlord Khalifa Haftar is a more dangerous threat to U.S. interests there than ISIS. (See the excellent Washington Examiner article, attached.) Second, there are credible reports that the Wagner group recently used chemical weapons in Libya as Haftar's position deteriorates.

Again, I really hope you can participate in this excellent upcoming webinar. Stay healthy!

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