

Hey Robbie, how are you? I hope you and yours are safe.

Hoping you can help with something. [This article](#) in FP described the GNA as 'backed by the Muslim Brotherhood', but I'm not sure how that could be credibly sourced/cited. I haven't received an acknowledgement from Anchal to my emails, so maybe you can help forward this the right person?

Many thanks.

I provided some info to Anchal, but in addition:

Relevant tweet today from the highly regarded Wolfram Lacher:

[https://twitter.com/W\\_Lacher/status/1260470431074734090](https://twitter.com/W_Lacher/status/1260470431074734090)

Credible, independent experts who have made comments relevant to this GNA Muslim Brotherhood/Islamists vs. secular Haftar narrative:

[Dr. Karim Mezran of the Atlantic Council, at an event at the Brookings Institution:](#)

February 24, 2020

"The most important thing for us to do is to not believe the current narrative. This is not a conflict of 'West versus East.' Haftar is not a secular, anti-terrorist leader who plans on bringing democracy. Haftar does not represent the East – he is just a creation of foreign powers and the head of a military regime. He is not even the head of an army; he is the head of armed men in uniform. The West is not the Muslim Brotherhood. This is the view of the average Libyan on the ground. The East vs. West, secular vs. Muslim Brotherhood narrative must go – it does nothing but misinform and create division."

[Societies: "Gaining Legitimacy in Post-Qaddafi Libya: Analysing Attempts of the Muslim Brotherhood"](#)

Inga Kristina Trauthig, Research Fellow, International Centre for the Study of Radicalization, King's College London

August 5, 2019

"[In 2012] the political wing of the Libyan Muslim Brotherhood (LMB), the Justice and Construction Party (JCP, sometimes also called the Justice and Development Party) participated in popular elections just shortly after its inception. Seven years later, one can unanimously say that the movement was not able to take power in the country."

[Libyan American Alliance event, "What Libya Needs: Achieving Peace, Stability, & Civil Governance"](#)

Dr. William Lawrence, George Washington University

February 14, 2020

"Haftar is surrounded by war criminals – all of the people in this conflict wanted for war crimes are on Haftar's side – none of them are on the West's side."

"Haftar never did anything about ISIS. He never fought against them. He fought those who fought ISIS. He even allowed ISIS to pass through his territory. Haftar did not help even though his whole argument is that he fights terrorism – he doesn't fight terrorism at all.

He just calls everyone who doesn't agree with him in Libya 'terrorists'. So, for counter terrorism, it is the West, not Haftar, that is much more helpful and important to the United States."

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Hi Anchal,  
I want to make sure you saw my note from last week.  
Thanks,  
Molly

**From:** Molly Toomey  
**Sent:** Friday, May 8, 2020 9:54 AM  
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Hi Anchal,

I saw your article this week in FP. I work with the GNA in Libya - helping with media. It's great to be in touch, please feel free to reach out if you ever need anything.

Regarding your piece this week, there's a line describing the GNA as "*backed by the Muslim Brotherhood*" and I'm wondering if you can help me understand where you're getting that?

Here are the facts about Muslim Brotherhood and the GNA:

- The primary Libyan political group that is affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood is the Justice & Construction Party (JCP). There are zero JCP members serving in the GNA, and the GNA does not receive any type of support from the JCP.
- Mediocre support for the Libyan Muslim Brotherhood was recorded in the country's first democratic elections in 2012, following the revolution overthrowing Muammar Ghaddafi.
- In 2012, the Muslim Brotherhood won only 17 seats out of the total 200 seats in the General National Congress (GNC).
- In the next parliamentary elections (2014) when the House of Representatives replaced the GNC as the highest legislative body in Libya, the Muslim Brotherhood lost the 17 seats they'd previously held and failed to gain any additional seats, leaving them with zero seats.
- During the span of 2013-2017, there were local municipality elections held in over 100 municipalities, and the Muslim Brotherhood-affiliated Justice & Construction Party won zero mayoral races.
- Today, the GNA does not have any JCP or Muslim Brotherhood-affiliated individuals represented in government.

Would you consider an update? The MB issue is a very pervasive misconception, which is actively perpetuated by some of the involved parties.

Thank you.

Best,  
Molly