

SITUATION REPORT
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Highlights

National Transitional Council (NTC) appoints a new cabinet [Video](#)

Libya's National Transitional Council has announced a new cabinet on Monday. The announcement came after almost 6 weeks of debate and infighting among members. The NTC faced constant criticism in their handling of the situation and many wonder why it took so long to "re-shuffle" the group as only two new members were added.

In response to concerns of another dictatorship being formed, Mustafa Abdel Jalil, chairman of the National Transitional Council (NTC) and Mahmoud Jibril, the acting prime minister, vow to step down from the council as soon as Libya is free from the threat of Muammar Gaddafi and Libya's borders are secure. According to the NTC's draft interim constitution, the NTC will form a new interim government in Tripoli once this happens. From there a timeline of a year has been set out for elections although NTC indicates elections could be held as early as 8 months from the end of fighting. Also, according to the current interim constitution, members of the NTC cannot serve in Libya's post-revolution government.

The NTC needs to baseline the structure of the new cabinet. What are the roles of the Prime and Foreign Minister, and are they in conflict? What are the roles of all of the Ministers? What is their social contract with the people of Libya? What are the Libyan people's expectations of these Ministers and what services can they deliver during this period of transition? What are the strengths and weaknesses of this composition, of the various Ministries? All of these questions and more need to be answered during this interim phase. The positive step, seems to be that new Ministerial functions were formed in response to attitudes and sentiment of the Libyan people, in particular the need to provide quality care services for the freedom fighters, and the need to make the cabinet, previously perceived as a secular led entity, to be more inclusive to Islamic theology, as reflected in the new ministerial post on Islamic Affairs. The role of this latter post in particular will be of great interest to both Libyans and the international community.

NTC's interim cabinet members:

- Prime and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Jibril
- Defense Minister Jalal Dghaili
- Oil and Finance Minister Ali Tarhouni
- Interior Minister Ahmad Darrat
- Information Minister Mahmoud Shammam
- Minister for Libyans Killed or Wounded Ali Essawy (New)
- Islamic Affairs Minister Hamza Abu Fas (New)

United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) visited the war torn city of Misrata, Libya this week. [Article](#)

UNSMIL visited the residents of Misrata, commending them on a job well done. “I came to present my deepest respect to the people of Misrata for their heroic struggle and to convey my condolences to the families of martyrs and to the injured,” said Ian Martin, who is also the Secretary-General’s Special Representative for Libya. “I have seen myself the evidence here of war crimes by the Qadhafi regime.”

UNSMIL representatives met with members of Misrata’s community including, women and youth, to discuss an array of issues that could help Libya move forward such as re-building and reconciliation for fighters that have seen war and to help them deal with the violence they have seen or been subjected to. UNSMIL’s mandate for Libya includes UN support in the security sector, elections, human rights and rule of law. Residents of the city mentioned the need for training in leadership skills, transparency and accountability. UNSMIL also discussed the greatly needed issues of transitional justice and reconciliation, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the provision of medical care for the wounded.

Additional News

- Whereabouts of Muammar Gaddafi remain unknown [Article](#)
- Fighting continues in Sirte, Libya and the humanitarian crisis continues, Tuesday pro-Democracy forces retreat from their positions on Sirte as they were unable to fend off the fierce resistance in the city. The pro-Democracy forces say they were also compelled to help residents trying to flee the city. Fleeing residents testify that they have been harassed by pro-Gaddafi troops in the city and testify to the presence of foreign fighters fighting for Gaddafi’s loyalists. [Video](#) ; [Video2](#) ; [Article](#) ; [Article2](#) [Article3](#) [Article4](#)
- Amnesty International warns all parties of the Libya conflict that they must allow humanitarian aid to reach the hospital and residents of the besieged cities of Libya. [Article](#)
- Fighting continues in Bani Walid, Libya [Article](#)
- Resident fleeing Sirte, Libya say Muammar Gaddafi is in the city and is hiding at the Ibn Sina hospital [Article](#)
- Pro-Democracy forces liberate Qasr Abu Hadi, Libya; a small village near Sirte. [Article](#)
- Tripoli Military Council leader, Abdel Hakim Belhaj, calls for militia men to return to their homes and calls for the disarmament of the militias until NTC can form a national army. [Article](#)
- Heritage Oil has bought control of Sahara Oil Services Holdings a Benghazi-based oil services firm [Article](#)
- U.S. Representative Keith Ellison is to meet with Medical Team International, to speak about humanitarian issues in Libya on Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs . This forum will discuss immediate and long term medical concerns in Libya and possible solutions. The forum is organized by Medical Teams International and co-sponsored by the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minnesota International Center, and the Minnesota International NGO Network. Those interested in attending can RSVP by Oct. 6 by emailing Libyarsvp@medicalteams.org or calling 763-331-0023. [Article](#)

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