

**SITUATION REPORT**  
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Highlights**

*Fighting continues in Sirte and Bani Walid, Libya [Article](#)*

Pro-Democracy fighters face strong opposition in both cities. Some factors effecting the advancement of pro-democracy fighters in both cities includes rough terrain, poor supply lines, snipers in outlying areas of the cities and poor chain of command. There have also been reports of pro-Democracy fighters being dragged behind tanks till death by Gaddafi troops as a way to set an example to the people who defy them. Gaddafi forces have also poured lubricants on the roads going into Bani Walid making them slippery. When tanks or trucks get stuck they are fired on by snipers.

Pro-Democracy fighters in those areas are made up of people from all over Libya and do not fight under one united military force. This dis-organisation of troops has hampered the progress of pro-Democracy fighters in Sirte and Bani Walid as all the available troops often act independently of eachother; whereas, troops loyal to Gaddafi are concentrated in both cities and follow one chain of command. When will NTC be able to unite all pro-Democracy fighters under one umbrella?

*Humanitarian situation in Southern Libya worsens as some towns have been sealed off for months to prevent Gaddafi forces from entering or suffer from being under siege [Article1](#) [Article2](#) [Article3](#)*

According to NTC's representative in Murzuk, a cluster of small towns in the south still do not have electricity or portable water and have little food provisions. The concern is for the elderly and children in these cities. NTC representative is asking for assistance from the NTC Executive Committee and international humanitarian groups. There is also a huge concern over the lack of medical care available in these areas, some people traveling up to two-days to Benghazi for treatment even though they have a clear landing area for medical evacuations.

Residents continue to flee fighting in cities such as Sirte that are still experiencing active fighting. According to officials in the area, more than 300 people have left the city. Residents leaving describe the situation in the city dire for civilians some having nothing to eat except for "macaroni boiled in salt water". Many feeling deprived and are scared saying this week was the first time they felt able to leave the city as pro-Gaddafi troops firing on people trying to leave. Will the NTC support the humanitarian needs of these people? How long can the citizens hold out?

**Additional News**

From September 22-23 (a.m) 2011:

- The whereabouts of Maummer Gaddafi still unknown

- The city of Sebha, Libya has been completely liberated as pro-Democracy fighters defeat last remaining pockets of resistance in the city. [Article](#)
- Ubari, Libya is now in control of pro-Democracy forces [Article](#)
- CNN reporters in Sebha found a warehouse containing yellowcake uranium, United Nations atomic energy monitors say Muammar Gaddafi declared the site and it was previously inventoried. International Atomic Energy Agency says it is up to NTC to secure the site and make sure the area is stable enough for inspectors to visit the site. Officials in the area would like the material removed before to avoid an environmental disaster if the site were to be damaged in fighting. [Article](#)
- NATO continues to strike strategic targets in Libya [Article](#)
- Algerian government says they are willing to work with NTC in order to promote peace, security and stability in the region [Article](#)
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has resumed cooperation with Libya. "... in the fields of education, culture, science and media development to sustain their aspirations and efforts promoting human rights, freedom of expression, justice and women's empowerment," UNESCO head Irina Bokova said. [Article](#)
- According to Libya's National Oil Corporation (NOC) statement Libya's oil production is set to reach 500,000 barrels per day (bpd) by early October [Article](#)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) plans a visit to Libya to assess country's financial infrastructure, NTC has engaged them in discussions but has not yet asked for aid. Most discussion concentrated on technical work needed. [Article](#)
- EU lifts some Libya sanctions [Article](#)
- Rafik Nayed now heads Libya's sovereign-wealth fund and has recommended all past investment be investigated for corruption. [Article](#)
- Investors from Malaysia are welcome in Libya says Libyan Ambassador to Malaysia, Dr. Abu Bakar Al-Monsouri [Article](#)

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