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Libya Alert (UPDATE) GNU Minister shifted to Italy for treatment after assassination attempt near Tripoli's Janzour, per February 12 reports; reiterates volatility of security environment in Tripoli

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Current Situation:

- The Government of National Unity's (GNU) Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Adel Jumaa, was reportedly transported to Italy following an assassination attempt, per February 13 reports.
- On February 12, several official bodies issued statements condemning the attack, including the Presidential Council (PC), the High Council of State (HCS), the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), and the US Embassy in Libya.
- The PC called on the Government of National Unity (GNU) to launch an investigation to bring the perpetrators "to justice" and stated that it would not tolerate illegal attempts to hamper the security and stability in Libya.
- Reports from February 11 indicate that voice messages by GNU Prime Minister Abdel Hamid al-Dbeibah's nephew, Ibrahim al-Dbeibah, were recently leaked, allegedly exposing ties between the GNU and the Russian Africa Corps.
- Unconfirmed reports indicated that the messages were leaked by Jumaa. Another unconfirmed

report stated that Ibrahim al-Dbeibah denied his involvement in the assassination attempt.

Source: [Presidential Council](#); [LANA](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

This follows multiple reported assassination attempts in Tripolitania on GNU-affiliated figures since 2022 including GNU Prime Minister Abdel Hamid al-Dbeibah, GNU's Minister of Justice Halima Ibrahim Abdel Rahman, and Dbeibah's nephew and advisor, [Ibrahim Dbeibah](#). Despite the identities of the perpetrators and their motives remaining unknown, it is likely that this latest attack was politically motivated, stemming from Jumaa's reportedly close relationship with Dbeibah and his role in overseeing coordination between the GNU Prime Minister's office and other ministries. This assessment is strengthened by unconfirmed reports which indicate that Jumaa was in possession of documents that were allegedly damaging to the GNU's image and was thus targeted to prevent him from potentially leaking them. **FORECAST:** Regardless, this incident highlights the volatility of the security environment in Tripoli at the present time. At the same time, despite the potential this attempted assassination holds to heighten inter-militia tensions, no such instances of inter-militia clashes or militia mobilization have been reported either in Jazour or other parts of Tripoli as of the time of writing. Therefore, wide-scale inter-militia clashes in Tripoli following the assassination attempt on Jumaa remain unlikely at the current juncture.

Recommendations:

1. Avoid nonessential travel to Tripoli and Misrata due to political instability and the risk of a rapid deterioration of security conditions stemming from inter-militia tensions. Avoid all travel to the wider Tripolitania region. It is advised to travel in Libya only with a trained security detail. **Contact us at Operations@max-security.com or +44 20-3540-0434 for itinerary and contingency support plans.**
2. Remain cognizant that due to the multiple zones of influence and inter-militia tensions in Tripoli, travelers are liable to encounter checkpoints manned by different local militias. When encountering a security checkpoint, comply with the instructions of security personnel.