

#### **Decmber 2020 Newsletter**



## Meeting on reviving Libya's economy ends in Geneva

DECEMBER 16, 2020 Anadolu Agency

Representatives of Libya's main financial institutions ended two days of talks in Geneva on Tuesday focusing on currency reform, resolving the country's banking crisis and unification of the national budget.

"I am hopeful that the meeting here in Geneva will be another practical, tangible step forward together...to implement the cease-fire, to address the real problems and with real and pragmatic solutions that can respond to the needs and aspirations of all Libyans to live their lives," said Acting Special Representative of the Secretary General and head of the UN's mission in Libya Stephanie Williams.

The participants agreed to meet again in January to review the progress and consider further technical steps to stabilize the Libyan .... Read Full Article (https://www.ncuslr.org/so/cdNRExUvy/c?

w=U\_d4PgQ7tyonVzn85lhzewM6KjY9ExlsxkkfeH8Kj2Y.eyJ1ljoiaHR0cHM6Ly9 3d3cuYWEuY29tLnRyL2VuL21pZGRsZS1lYXN0L21lZXRpbmctb24tcmV2aXZpbmctbGlieWEtcy1lY29ub215LWVuZHMtaW4tZ2VuZXZhLzlwNzgyMDciLCJyljoiNmNmNzljOGltNzA4OC00ZTMxLTE5NmYtNTQ4NmZiZjNjZDRiliwibSl6lm1haWxfbHAiLCJjljoiMDAwMDAwMDAwMC0wMDAwLTAwMDAtMDAwMDAwMDAwMDAwMDAwIn0)



### Biden's Challenges in Stabilizing Libya

DECEMBER 02, 2020 - Emadeddin Badi and Karim Mezran



Upon assuming power, President Joe Biden and his administration will face a still-chaotic Libya despite the many political maneuverings afoot among Libyans and their respective outside backers. One promising intra-Libyan process is the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (LPDF), sponsored by the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) and held in the Tunisian capital Tunis. On November 14, 2020, the UNSMIL hailed a "breakthrough" in the North African country's fledgling peace process and announced that the 75 Libyan participants who gathered in Tunis for the LPDF had preliminarily agreed on a roadmap toward elections by December 24, 2021, Libya's Independence

Day. Read Full Article (https://www.ncuslr.org/so/cdNRExUvy/c?

w=3761KGHI6FBuoUE26QugupDHnh3XBZbpE--

pQ9Z1TkA.eyJ1IjoiaHR0cDovL2FyYWJjZW50ZXJkYy5vcmcvcG9saWN5X2FuYWx5c2Vz L2JpZGVucy1jaGFsbGVuZ2VzLWluLXN0YWJpbGl6aW5nLWxpYnlhLylsInliOilwMWY5Yj Q1Mi1jOTQ2LTQ5N2ItZjkxMS05MDhiMWE0MjczMjAiLCJtIjoibWFpbF9scClsImMiOilwMD AwMDAwMC0wMDAwLTAwMDAtMDAwMC0wMDAwMDAwMDAwMDAifQ)



# Foreign fighters a 'serious crisis' in Libya, UN mission chief tells high stakes political forum

December 02, 2020 - UN News



The 20,000 foreign fighters now in Libya represent "a serious crisis" and "a shocking violation of Libyan sovereignty", UN Acting Special Representative Stephanie Williams said on Wednesday, during the latest meeting under the country's political dialogue forum. Seventy-five people from across the social and political spectrum of Libyan society are taking part in the forum, aimed at establishing a transitional body that will govern the country in the lead-up to elections next year. "You may believe that these foreigners are here as your guests, but they are now occupying your house. This is a blatant violation of the arms embargo", said Ms. Williams, who also heads the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL). "They are pouring weapons into your country, a country which does not need more weapons. They are not in Libya for your interests, they are in Libya for their interests. Dirou balkom (take care). You have now a serious crisis .... Read Full Article (https://www.ncuslr.org/so/cdNRExUvy/c? w=cXhqA2HkH20AdYLBWbU8kShjEehBQHJCHHWGqbUYcuo.eyJ1ljoiaHR0c HM6Ly9uZXdzLnVuLm9yZy9lbi9zdG9yeS8yMDlwLzEyLzEwNzkxMjliLCJyljoiZj AwNjI4NmUtOTI2Mi00NWExLWEwNzUtZGY5NWM5MzYwMjlhliwibSI6Im1haW xfbHAiLCJjljoiMDAwMDAwMDAwMDAwMC0wMDAwLTAwMDAtMDAwMDAwM DAwMDAwIn0)

# Libyan elections to take place in December 2021: senior UN official

UN News - December 2, 2020



The announcement came a week after talks began in the Tunisian capital, Tunis, aimed at creating an executive authority capable of organizing elections and implementing political, economic and military reforms. The new executive, said Ms. Williams, will involve a separation of powers, with a new Presidency Council, and a Government of National Unity led by a Prime Minister.

A path out of a crisis Ms. Williams explained that 24 December is Libyan Independence Day, an important and symbolic date for the country's citizens. The UN, she said, will work to ensure that as many people as possible, including those who have been displaced from their home, are able to vote.



### **NCUSLR Media Contributions**

# Pustzai: Biden Administration Will Support Libyan People's Self-Determination

Wolfgang Pustzai - November 24, 2020



The Chairman of the Advisory Board of the National Council on US-Libya Relations (NCUSLR), Wolfgang Pusztai, said that it is difficult for the new Biden administration to ignore the Libya Stability Support Act as it was sponsored by Ted Deutch, a prominent Democratic Congressman from Florida. (Libya, 24) November 2020) - In a statement to the Qatari Al-Jazeera channel, Wolfgang Pusztai suggested that the Biden administration would appoint a new special envoy to Libya, as was the case during the Obama era, but he does not expect significant American moves in the near future. He added: "It is unlikely that foreign countries will be granted any kind of right to determine the future of Libya. Instead, the Biden administration is expected to support the Libyan people's self-determination and help in the process of building a unified national government that provides security and opportunities for Libyans on a national basis.". Read More (https://www.ncuslr.org/so/cdNRExUvy/c? w=pUqlqGBf7qVDnOPpH8qk6vl2wyABqw3AN3obkujb4al.eyJ1ljoiaHR0cHM6L y9hbG1hcnNhZC5jby9lbi8yMDlwLzExLzl0L3B1c3R6YWktYmlkZW4tYWRtaW5 pc3RyYXRpb24td2lsbC1zdXBwb3J0LWxpYnlhbi1wZW9wbGVzLXNlbGYtZGV0 ZXJtaW5hdGlvbi8iLCJyljoiMjJmNDZhY2QtZTRhZS00ZGQ0LTRjMTEtY2FIYmE 3MDdmMDQzliwibSl6lm1haWxfbHAiLCJjljoiMDAwMDAwMDAtMDAwMC0wM DAWLTAWMDAtMDAWMDAWMDAWIn0)



## **NCUSLR Updates**

# NCUSLR Executive Board Member Named National Point of Contact for Space in Libya 12/2020

Mohamed Alarabi, Executive board member of the NCUSLR & youth representative was appointed as the National point of Contact for Libya for the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC). Mohammed is a professional engineer in the aerospace industry. and a "Safe Space" advocate. Space Generation Advisory Council was conceived at UNISPACE III in 1999, whereby states resolved, as part of the Vienna Declaration, "To create a council to support the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,





20 November 2020

To whom it may concern

This letter is to certify that

#### MOHAMED ALARABI

is officially

#### National Point of Contact for Libya.

On behalf of the Executive Council of the Space Generation Advisory Council in Support of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications (SGAC). His term will last for two years, until November 2022. During that time, he is appointed to act as representative of SGAC in Libya.



### **COMING SOON - NCUSLR YOUTH WEBINAR SERIES January 2021**

Join NCUSLR Youth Initiative! (https://www.ncuslr.org/so/c dNRExUvy/c? w=TGW6oqm7N6E3qUR7Td1 M2YBx454GoVHrq0pJbtFigSA .eyJ1IjoiaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cu bmN1c2xyLm9yZy9uY3VzbHI teW91dGgtaW5pdGlhdGl2ZSI sInIiOiI0YjBiODRiYS1iZjIzLTQ 0ODAtMjcxZS03YTBIZTBkNjdj ZjciLCJtIjoibWFpbF9scCIsIm MiOiIwMDAwMDAwMC0wMD AwLTAwMDAtMDAwMC0wMD AwMDAwMDAwMDAwMDAifQ)

Follow Us







(https://ww/ntipss//wwwg/secodelMQIBXSIIn/c/dNRExUvy/c? w=yhuDWz4GZOxxxxxingNFIKSQIXMIQCOXXIDAGIISIKIABBEItaQLISPATIIAGIISIKIABBEItaQLISPATIIAGIITAGIISPATIIAGIISPATIIAGIISPATIIAGIISPATIIAGIISPATIIAGIISPATIIAGIITAGIISPATIIAGIIT

"The views and opinions expressed by guests and in articles are their own and their appearance on this platform does not imply an endorsement of them or any entity they represent. Views and opinions expressed by NCUSLR board are those of the members and do not necessarily reflect the view of the NCUSLR or any of its executives"

1701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC, USA (https://www.ncuslr.org/so/cdN

+1 (202)-580-6501 (https://www.ncuslr.org/so/cdNRExUvy/c?w=-cgdQkw66-LFVRPwFljly5YnSTzs3eXrCiHjFgHzdBw.eyJ1ljoidGVsOiUyQjErJTl4MjAyJTl5LTU4MC02NTAxliwicil6ImFjMzI4MzZlLTk4YTgtNDA0OS0xMjlhLWJmOWEwNTFiNzQ3YilsIm0iOiJtYWlsX2xwliwiYyl6ljAwMDAwMDAwLTAwMDAtMDAwMCJ9)

https://www.ncuslr.org/so/cdNRExUvy?languageTag=en&status=Draft&cid=00000000-0000-0000-0000-0000000000#/main