



# Weekly Report

## Libya

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### *Five Tripoli brigade bases handed over to the army*

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- 1** Five Tripoli brigade bases handed over to the army
- 2** US says Libyan armed forces training to go ahead
- 3** Media: Armed militias still on the streets in Libya (*BBC*)

- Pressure from the leader of the Tripoli Local Council, Sadat al Badri, on militias to leave the capitol in accordance with General National Council law no. 27 & 53, seems to have persuaded a few of the brigades to disband. Members will either join the military or go back to their jobs.
- One unit commander told the *Libya Herald* that they will be keeping the weapons they “earned” from the war, despite disbanding.
- Prime Minister Zeidan plans to ask the GNC for a law to dissolve every militia in the country and forbid anyone without a military ID from carrying a weapon.
- GNC laws no. 27 & 53 [apply equally](#) to prisons and holding sites.
- <http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/11/21/five-tripoli-brigades-hand-over-their-bases-to-the-army/>

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*“It is time to take the big step of making Libya a state with the complete rule of law. The only people carrying weapons should be army and police. It is a call for everyone anywhere in the country to take note of today and handover their weapons and bases to the national army.*

*There will be no exceptions,” - Prime Minister Ali Zeidan*

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### *US says Libyan armed forces training to go ahead*

- Following talks [earlier this month](#) looking to strengthen US-Libyan relations, Libya has approved the US to train between 5,000 to 8,000 Libyan troops in Bulgaria. There are also plans to train a separate anti-terrorist unit.
- <http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/11/20/us-says-libyan-armed-forces-training-to-go-ahead/>

### *Armed militias still on the streets in Libya*

- The [BBC](#) has a short clip reviewing violence from clashes last week, and weighing prospects for the future. “There’s a risk that the newly trained government security forces will get caught up in political battles, as well as street violence. If the new army ends up as just one weak player in a country full of competing armed groups, Libya’s unhappy, unstable, violent present, will be its future too.”