



Weekly Report

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- 1 Libyan PM steps down
- 2 Libya strife with extremism

*“Rising violent
extremism... and
terrorism is an
enormous challenge
first for Libya but also
for Libya's international
partners as well”
- William Burns*

Libya

John Morrissey

Libya's prime minister resigns following attack on family

- After only one week of being assigned the position of prime minister of Libya by parliament, interim prime minister Abdullah al-Thani stepped down from the position.
- His April 20th resignation came following an armed attack aimed at him and his family. The prime minister believed that controversy over his appointment and other political tensions in the country were the cause of the attacks.
- Al-Thani will continue to fulfill the custodial duties of the office until a new prime minister is appointed.
- Source: Yahoo News

<https://news.yahoo.com/libya-pm-quits-saying-victim-attack-140611719.html>

Extremism continues to threaten Libya

- During a meeting with Libya's most powerful political power, the General National Congress, US Deputy Secretary of State William Burns warned that extremism is a major issue in the North African country.
- This warning comes following a terrorist attack on interim prime minister Abdullah al-Thani.
- Countless weapons were imported during the 2011 uprising to arm various militias whose aim was to oust Gaddafi. Since the removal of Gaddafi, authorities have struggled integrating the anti-Gaddafi militias into the regular army or police force.
- The US remains committed to helping improve the security situation in Libya as they move towards achieving a democratic state.
- Source: Ahram Online

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/8/99731/World/Region/US-envoy-issues-Libya-extremist-warning-during-vis.aspx>