



# Weekly Report

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## Libya

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*"We will continue our fight for our right to dream of a better tomorrow for our children and families"*  
-Ibrahim Jathran,  
Libyan rebel leader

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### ***Civilian deaths and rising violence prompts Libya to request help from U.N.***

- Libya's inability to control rebel militias and increased domestic violence has led to an appeal by the distraught North African country to the international community and the U.N.
- The request was made in the midst of a wave of bombings and assassinations in the eastern city of Benghazi, which is a product of clashes between pro-government forces and a rebel militia controlling major government owned oil ports in Sirte. Eight civilians were killed in a recent car bombing related to this animosity.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/20/us-libya-security-idUSBREA2J00V20140320>

### ***Rebel leader's defiant speech dampens hopes of peaceful resolution***

- The Tripoli government has given Jathran's group two weeks to clear the government owned oil ports or face a military offensive to end the port blockage.
- However, following the seizure of a rebel controlled oil tanker by the U.S. Navy, a speech by rebel leader Ibrahim Jathran demonstrates that the anti-government forces have no intent of ending their blockade of government owned oil ports.
- Jathran said his group would continue its struggle and he is confident that rebel efforts to control the port are in the best interest of the citizens of Libya.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/18/us-libya-oil-idUSBREA2H1Z720140318>