

Open Letter to the Libyan Leadership

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The situation in Libya is complex: the country is effectively under a dual-authority system, and there is no single "supreme ruler." How you address the letter depends on whom you wish to reach, as the country is divided between two competing administrations:

1. In the West (Tripoli): The Government of National Unity (GNU), which is recognized by the UN. It is led by Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah. The head of the Presidential Council (formally the head of state) is Mohamed al-Menfi.
2. In the East (Benghazi/Tobruk): The Government of National Stability (GNS). It is supported by the House of Representatives and the Libyan National Army under the command of Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar.

Whom should you write to?

- If you are writing on behalf of the international community or regarding issues requiring international legitimacy, the usual addressees are Abdul Hamid Dbeibah (as the head of the recognized government) and Mohamed al-Menfi (as the chairman of the Presidential Council).

- If you wish to reflect the actual balance of power, ignoring the eastern camp and Khalifa Haftar would render the letter incomplete, as he effectively controls a significant portion of the territory and resources in the east and south.

Why you cannot choose just one: Libya lacks functioning government institutions that encompass the entire country. Elections originally scheduled for 2021 have been repeatedly postponed, and the political process is in a state of deep deadlock (a "frozen conflict"). Both sides maintain their own armed forces, budget streams, and international support; therefore, addressing a letter to a "supreme ruler" is, in the Libyan context, a political oxymoron.

Summary for the letter: The task requires selecting the "supreme authority"; the officially internationally recognized head of state is Mohamed al-Menfi, and the head of government is Abdul Hamid Dbeibah. However, any letter addressed to "the ruler of Libya" would appear to be an appeal to one of the parties to the conflict rather than to the country as a whole.

Therefore, we decided to write two letters—one to each side.

Letter to the Prime Minister (Tripoli)

To His Excellency Abdul Hamid Dbeibah Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity Tripoli, Libya

Your Excellency,

Writing to you from the heart of a nation that remains divided against itself, I address you as the representative of the internationally recognized executive authority. In June 2026, Libya sits upon a mountain of gold—our oil wealth—yet our people live as if we are in the midst of a resource famine.

Tripoli is a city of outward activity but inner fragility. The citizens are tired of the "status quo" of corruption and the endless transition periods that never lead to elections. We are a country of immense wealth where power outages are common, and the shadow of armed militias looms over every aspect of daily life. The people

worry that our national identity is being auctioned off to foreign interests while our internal institutions rot.

What we need is not more political maneuvering, but a bridge to the other side of this nation. The hope is that your administration will prioritize the unification of the banking system and the security sector over the retention of power. We need a path to elections that the entire country can accept. Do not let Tripoli become a walled garden of prosperity while the rest of the nation drifts further into fragmentation.

With the hope of a patriot,

A Concerned Citizen of Libya

Letter to the Field Marshal (Benghazi)

To His Excellency Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar Commander of the Libyan National Army Benghazi, Libya

Your Excellency,

I address you as the architect of the security apparatus that governs the East and South of our divided nation. In June 2026, the Libyan people look to your forces not just as guardians of our territory, but as a critical factor in whether this country survives as a singular entity or breaks apart forever.

The people in the East live with a sense of pride in their security, but there is an underlying anxiety about the lack of economic development. While the army is strong, the civilian life remains hampered by restricted space for dissent and a dependency on military administration. The concern is deep: we fear that the militarization of our governance is becoming a permanent state, rather than a necessary emergency measure.

What is needed is a vision for peace that transcends the battlefield. We look to you to facilitate a truly unified national path. The people hope that you will use your influence to open the space for civilian-led reconstruction and political reconciliation, rather than merely maintaining the division. A strong army is for defense, but a

strong nation requires the consent and participation of all its citizens.

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Sovereign Performance Audit: Libya (June 2026)

Sector

Score

Summary

Political Stability

0.5

A complete institutional deadlock and a de facto division of power.

Economic Governance

1.0

Corruption and dependence on oil prices, coupled with a lack of unity.

Security/Rule of Law

1.5

Security is fragmented among various armies and militias.

National Unity

0.0

The state does not exist as a unified governing entity.

Verdict: 0.75 / The nation is in a state of waiting. Libya remains a country where real power lies not with the law, but with those who control the weapons and the oil taps. Without a political compromise between Tripoli and Benghazi, any developments will amount to nothing more than "patches" on the body of a fractured state.

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