

Country/entity	Libya
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Charter "And reconciliation is good" to support peaceful coexistence among the people of the Arabs of Murzuq and the Tabu in Murzuq
Date	13 Dec 2022
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict

Libyan Conflicts (1969 - 1994) (2011 -)

Agreements relate to two distinct conflict dyads.

Libya-Chad. Since the 1970s, Libya under Colonel Muammar Gaddafi had a tense relationship with its neighbour Chad, predominantly focused on the resource-rich Aouzou Strip in northern Chad. Libyan claims of the Aouzou Strip were held in an unratified treaty between France and Italy in 1935, similarly Chadian claims of the Strip were argued with support of a 1955 treaty between Libya and France. In 1973, Libya effectively annexed the Strip to gain access to natural resources. This spurred cross-border clashes between 1979 until 1987 until escalated to a brief war known as the Toyota War, wherein Chadian government troops succeeded in repelling Libyan forces. A brief and repeatedly violated ceasefire was held from 1987-88, followed by a series of unsuccessful negotiations, until an International Court of Justice ruling in 1994, which granted sovereignty of the Strip to Chad.

Libya post-Gaddafi. Gaddafi's downfall following the Libyan Civil War in 2011-2012, led to several factions fighting for the country's leadership. Since 2013, the country effectively split into three entities, with the National Army controlling the east including the city of Benghazi, and the New General National Congress and their militias such as the Golden Dawn controlling the northwest including the capital of Tripoli. Significant portions of the country in the south-west are currently held by Tuareg forces. The civil war and chaos continued into 2014 as the General National Congress refused to disband after the expiry of its mandate, resulting in eruption of mass protests. The UN efforts continue to broker peace between the Libyan Army and the Libya Dawn factions, and a partial ceasefire was declared in January 2015. A new interim-government (Tunisia-based) called 'Government of National Accord' is formed with the backing of UN despite the refusal of the other forces to recognise its authority and arrived to Tripoli with the UN in 2016. A state of emergency was declared by the UN backed government amid clashed between rival militia in Tripoli's southern suburbs. Since April 2019 there has been sustained fighting between the Libyan National Army and the UN-backed government in Tripoli as the Libyan National Army aims to seize Tripoli.

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Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Libyan local processes
Parties	<p>Accreditation of the head of the committee in charge of the Arab people of Murzuq Name: Abdel Salam Ramadan Abdel Hafeez Credentials: Head of Arab of Murzuq delegation</p> <p>Accreditation of the head of the committee in charge of the Tebu people of Murzuq Name: Al-Lahouzi Youssef Mahmoud Credentials: Head of the Tebu of Murzuq delegation</p>
Third parties	<p>Accreditation of the President of the Italian Ara Pacis Initiatives for Peace Organization Name: Maria Nicoletta Gaida Credentials: President of the Italian Ara Pacis Initiatives for Peace Organization</p> <p>Accreditation of the head of the office of the head of the committee formed by the Presidential Council Name: Ben Issa Al-Siddiq Credentials: Head of the Presidential Council's office in the southern region</p> <p>Accreditation of the head of the committee assigned by the Presidential Council Name: Ahmed Abu Darbal Credentials: The head of the Committee from the presidency and the head of the committee</p> <p>Accreditation of the House of Representatives Name: Ibrahim Misbah Al-Hadi Credentials: Member of the House of Representatives</p> <p>Accreditation of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity Name: Ramadan Ahmed Abu Janah Credentials: Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity</p> <p>Accreditation of the Chairman of the National Council for Public Liberties and Human Rights Name: Dr. Omar Hamad Hijazi Credentials: Chairman of the Council</p>
Description	A short local agreement of coexistence between two groups in the Murzuq region which substantively addresses return of displaced families and implementation of emergency development and infrastructure building for the two communities. The agreement also substantively addresses the need for confidence building activities in the shared city space and support for those with needs, including youth and women's initiatives.

Agreement document	LY_221213_Charter "And reconciliation is good" to support peaceful coexistence among the people of the Arabs of Murzuq and the Tabu in Murzuq_EN.docx.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	LY_221213_Peace is Good Agreement.pdf (opens in new tab)

Local agreement properties

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale From the agreement text which describes designed confidence building measures and structured support from the Italian Ara Pacis Initiatives for Peace Organisation and the Italian government, as well as the Libyan government, the process is described as well supported. From further sources, there is also a clear recent history suggesting this agreement is part of a wider ongoing process between groups in the Murzuq district since 2018 and 2019 (see references for sources).

Is there a documented link to a national peace process? No

Link to national process: articulated rationale Although there are national supports to this local process, there is no clear reference in the agreement text or further source material to suggest this has a clear link to the national process.

Name of Locale Murzuq

Nature of Locale Smaller

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 25.920576, 13.926107

Participant type Central state actor
International or transnational actor
Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations
Regional state actor

Mediator, facilitator or similar Mediator or similar referred to

Mediator (references) Page 1, Preamble It is on this day, Tuesday, 19 Jumada al-Awwal 1444 AH, corresponding to December 13, 2022 AD, and with the generous sponsorship of the Italian Ara Pacis Initiatives for Peace Organization and the Italian government... and under the auspices of the General Command of the Armed Forces, represented by the Commander of the Southern Operations Room and the Commander of the Murzuq military region and the municipality of Murzuq

Type of mediator/facilitator/similar Regional state actor International or transnational actor

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture) In the name of God, the most gracious, the most merciful (No good is there in much of their private conversation, except for those who enjoin charity or that which is right or conciliation between people. And whoever does that seeking means to the approval of Allah – then We are going to give him a great reward).
Surah Al-Nisa:
114
God Almighty has spoken the truth

Grievance List No specific mention.

Cattle rustling/ banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
