

Libya News - Weekly Summary 8th - 14th January 2024

Political Developments

Political Developments: Discussions among Libyan political parties and the High Council of State (HCS) have been ongoing, focusing on finding initiatives to end the political stalemate. Additionally, efforts are being made to support the United Nations' initiatives for elections in Libya.

Oil & Economy

Oil and Economy: The Libyan oil sector remains a central focus, with developments including the closure of a major oilfield and discussions on facilitating its reopening. The government is also working on economic ties, notably with Turkey expanding energy ties with Libya, and the World Bank forecasting a 4.1% economic growth in Libya for 2024.

Infrastructure & Development

Infrastructure and Development: Projects for reconstructing some Western Region's cities have been allocated significant funding. The government is also discussing reforms for decentralization and working on various infrastructure projects, including the Misrata fishing port project and plans to plant 100 million trees.

Transportation and Travel

Libya's Sabha Airport has resumed international flights, and Libyan Airlines has resumed weekly flights to Ghat. EgyptAir is set to launch weekly flights to Misurata starting January 25.

Humanitarian Issues

A Libyan citizen stranded in Gaza has appealed to the government for help, highlighting ongoing humanitarian concerns in the region.

Sports

Libya's national basketball team achieved second place in the Arab Basketball Championship, and there have been significant developments in Libyan football and other sports.