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Libya Tactical: Activists call for anti-government protests on January 20; avoid nonessential travel

Current Situation:

- Activist groups mobilizing under the “Tripoli Movement” have called for mass protests in the Tripolitania region, including Tripoli and Misrata, on January 20.
- The exact timing and location of the protests remain undisclosed as of writing.
- The protest aims to denounce the Prime Minister Abdel Hamid al-Dbeibah-led Government of National Unity (GNU) for its perceived loss of legitimacy, failure to deliver elections, and responsibility for worsening economic conditions and deteriorating public services.

Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The latest call for protests is part of a broader wave of demonstrations against the GNU and other political groups in Libya. While the majority of anti-government protests have been peaceful, recorded incidents of unrest continue to accompany some events. The most recent incident took place on [December 26, 2025](#), when protesters reportedly blocked roads and ignited tire fires in Tripoli and Zawiyah. Although protest locations remain undisclosed, likely sites include Tripoli's **Martyrs' Square**, the **headquarters of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya**, the area near the **Prime Minister's office**, and the **Presidential Council headquarters** in Tripoli. Possible locations also include the headquarters of the army and police forces.
2. **FORECAST:** Based on the size of membership recorded in protester coordination groups on messaging platforms and on precedent, the protest is likely to draw a substantial crowd, with average attendance in the mid-hundreds at individual locations. Although protest groups are urging participants to keep protests peaceful, the possibility of civil unrest and scuffles between protesters and security forces cannot be ruled out. In the event that protesters act in an unruly manner, security forces are liable to deploy riot control measures, possibly including the use of tear gas. Traffic disruptions can be expected throughout Tripoli during the protests.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Libya on January 20 are advised to avoid nonessential travel to the Tripolitania area, including Tripoli, due to the slated anti-government protests and associated risk of civil unrest.