

Libyan Foreign Minister Warns Syria-style Civil War on Horizon



Tobruk, February 26 (RHC)-- The growing threat posed by the ISIL Takfiri terrorists and other terrorist groups could turn Libya into another Syria, Libya's Foreign Minister Mohamed Dayri says. Dayri made the comments while calling for Western military support during an interview with AFP published on Wednesday.

"Without a political solution, the country could get trapped in a full-blown civil war like in Syria," he said. Libya fell into turmoil during the struggle between rival governments and militias which followed the overthrow of Col. Muammar Gaddafi by U.S.-led NATO forces in 2011.

The North African country has two parliaments competing for legitimacy in different parts of the country. Tripoli, the capital city, is currently under the control of militias, while the internationally-recognized government resides in the eastern city of Tobruk.

The foreign minister, from the Tobruk government, stressed that his administration is not requesting Western military intervention but only for "the reinforcement of the Libyan army's capabilities" to fight against ISIL. The terrorist group, which controls parts of territory in Syria and Iraq, has been carrying out similar acts of terror such as public decapitations and crucifixions against all communities in the two neighboring Arab countries.

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