

United Nations Envoy Says Diplomacy ‘Real Alternative’ to End Libya Crisis



Tunis, October 22 (RHC)-- The UN special envoy for Libya says he will continue his efforts to clinch a political deal, which he has described as the “real alternative” to end insecurity in the North African country.

Bernardino Leon told a press conference in the Tunisian capital, Tunis, on Wednesday: “The political solution is the only real alternative... The majority of Libyans want a political solution.”

The remarks come days after rival factions in Libya rejected a recent UN-brokered agreement on the formation of a national unity government. On October 8, Leon proposed the formation of a power-sharing government with a list of candidates for the new government. He nominated Fayeze Sarraj, a member of the Tripoli-based parliament, for the position of prime minister. The proposal for a national unity government was dismissed by the rival factions.

Elsewhere in his remarks, the UN envoy said further meetings between the rivals would be held in the coming days. “The process goes on. There is no chance for small groups or personalities to hijack this process,” Leon stated.

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