

Algeria Set to Host Negotiations on Libya Crisis



United Nations, March 5 (RHC)-- The United Nations says the leaders of Libya's warring factions have been invited to hold talks next week in a bid to find a solution to the ongoing conflict in the North African country. In a statement released on Wednesday, the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) announced that "a meeting of representatives of Libyan political leaders and activists will convene early next week in Algeria."

Algeria's meeting will be followed later with discussions in the Belgian capital city of Brussels involving representatives from several Libyan municipalities, the statement added.

Meanwhile, Abdelkader Messahel, Algeria's minister for Maghreb and African affairs, noted that over the past few months the country had already hosted secret meetings between some 200 Libyan figures, with some of them having "resulted in signatures."

Earlier this week, Libya's internationally recognized parliament agreed to come back to UN-sponsored negotiations over the crisis in the violence-stricken country. The agreement came following a meeting between members of parliament and the UN's special envoy to Libya, Bernardino Leon.

Libya has two rival camps vying for control of the country, with one controlling the capital, Tripoli, and the other, Libya's internationally recognized government, governing the eastern cities of Bayda and Tobruk.

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