

LIBYA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Party Portrait

The House of Representatives (HoR) is Libya's legislature body, responsible for passing legislation and representing the Libyan population. Yet the HoR ignored the November 2014 Supreme Constitutional Court that it should be dissolved while it was surrounded by armed militias, and opposed the later establishment of a rival parliament known as the General National Congress (GNC). The HoR fiercely contests the political representation of the GNA, feeling that its members and parties are not represented. The HoR relocated from the capital, Tripoli, to the provincial city of Tobruk in the far east of Libya. It has consistently voted not to endorse the GNA as a result of this sentiment, despite the efforts of the UN political mission to use its good offices to foster improved ties between the GNA and HoR. The HoR maintains a strong relationship with Khalifa Haftar, head of the HoR-aligned Libyan National Army (LNA).

Key Interests

- Secure international recognition
- Secure power within the executive branch
- Increase economic and management capacities of the HoR's Central Bank
- Increase military capacity and security advances of Marshal Haftar's forces

Sources of Leverage

Military - LNA and Marshal Haftar's popular support and military capacity to engage ISIS.
Political - distancing from political Islam enables relationship-building with external actors concerned about spread of such parties in the region.

Regional Strategy

The HoR has cultivated regional alliances with the likes of France and Russia, developing a particularly strong alliance with the Egyptian Government, which opposes the strengthening of Islamist parties in Libya.

Powerful Individuals

Chairman Aguila Saleh Issa, LNA Marshal Khalifa Haftar

Potential Negotiation Moves

Engage ISIS in intensified military campaign

Internal Conflicts

Competition between HoR to secure leadership roles of Chairman and Vice Chairs in particular, as well as contestations over public legitimacy given limited turnout in 2014 vote to elect HoR.

Memberships

ARAB LEAGUE

Allies

Russia

Partners

Algeria, United Kingdom, United States, France

Rivals

Libya - Government of National Accord

Adversaries

ISIS

Active Armed Opponents

N/A

Proxy

N/A

External Sponsor

Egypt - Government, UAE

Aid Recipient

N/A

Aid Donor

N/A