

Fighting at Tripoli Airport, 5 killed

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Update Jan 21: Heavy clashes broke out in the Libyan capital Tripoli on Jan 15, leaving at least twenty people dead and forcing the airport to close for five days, re-opening again on Jan 20. Gunfire at Mitiga Airport damaged multiple aircraft, including a few A319s and at least one A330.

July 5, 2017 - **HLLM/Tripoli Mitiga** : Intense fighting at the Airport yesterday, with 5 people killed and 32 injured. The fighting is ongoing between rival members of the Buni Brigade militia, which controls the airport terminal building. It is understood that there had been a falling out over the distribution of the income the militia earns from goods and passengers passing through the terminal.

Operations were switched to Mitiga from HLLT/Tripoli International in 2014, after that airport was severely damaged in the heavy clashes that broke out across the capital in mid-2014 and closed to all operations.

Also yesterday, July 4th, **the first flight in three years to land at HLLT/Tripoli International** arrived from Addis Ababa, which was a non-scheduled flight operated by Libyan Arab Airlines. There is no indication yet that HLLT is open again for regular traffic.

Libya remains categorised as a Level One country (Do Not Fly) at **safeairspace.net**

Libya

⚠ One of five countries we classify as Level 1 - Do Not Fly. Can be subjectively described as a Failed State, forms a large part of the Conflict Zone warnings in effect. All present moderate levels of risk to civil aviation. Each of the main information providers for Conflict Zone information – the US, UK, Germany, and France – has strong wording recommending avoiding landing or overflight.

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