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Libya's internationally-recognized Government of National Accord (GNA) has made significant progress in the country's ongoing conflict against rogue General Khalifa Haftar. In the past week, the GNA has captured seven strategically important towns from forces loyal to General Haftar. The towns are northeast of Tripoli, between the capital city and the border with Tunisia. The capture of these towns comes on the back of General Haftar's failed year-long offensive to take Tripoli. With the GNA having spent the last year on the defensive, this marks a change in strategy as the regime pivots to the offensive. Following this latest development, General Haftar's forces launched rocket attacks on targets in Tripoli. One of the rockets targeted Tripoli's lone airbase, and many landed in civilian areas.

Libya has been embroiled in a civil war since 2011 when then-leader Muammar Gaddafi was killed in a popular uprising. The country split into two factions; the Government of National Accord led by Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraj, and the Libyan National Army led by General Khalifa Haftar. The Government of National Accord enjoys the broad support of the international community, but Russia, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates have supported the Libyan National Army. Turkey has recently taken a larger role in Libya, and the GNA has credited Ankara with providing key air support in the recent offensive. Since the civil war in Libya began, roughly 5,000 civilians have been killed, with many more displaced.