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# NewsLetter

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## Libyan House of Representatives engage in bilateral talks with US-Congress and prominent Washington think tanks

Libya's Tripoli-based House of Representatives visits Washington, D.C. Mr. Khaled Elost, Chairing a delegation, held a series of meetings with U.S. government agencies, Congressional members, and Senior Fellows from Washington based Think tanks. The discussions came at a pivotal time raising awareness of the continuing efforts toward stabilization in Libya and countering the attack launched on the capital. Positive bilateral reinforcements were expressed during conversa-

tions, reaffirming US-Libya cooperation's and advocating support for peace and security during a time of current unrest in Libya.

The roundtable talks hosted by Washington think tanks were productive and well attended, the interest was positive and the shared U.S. support to Libya's current unrest offered a necessary platform for better understanding of U.S.-Libya diplomatic relationships.





# Delegates of the Libyan House of representatives held various congressional meetings

► Ambassador Bughaighis joined a series of congressional meetings with Libya's House of Representatives. Meetings were conducive to the recent ongoing in Libya, further strengthening U.S.-Libya alliances.



*Delegates with Ted Deutch and Joe Wilson, Chair and Ranking members of the Sub-committee on Middle East*



*Eliot Engel - Chair of foreign relations committee*







Ambassador Bughaighis, members of the political team in the embassy and the Libyan House of Representatives met with Dr. John Alterman at the Center for Strategic and International Studies for roundtable discussions, they shared U.S.-Libya perspectives and provided updates on the current conflict in Libya.







## The Atlantic Council hosted a roundtable discussion for visiting delegation of Libyan House of Representatives.



The Atlantic Council and Fellow Members hosted a roundtable discussion for visiting Libyan House of Representatives, a full attendance of approximately 40 representatives of prominent think tanks in Washington. The discussions were positive and engaging. They addressed fellow members questions and shared current updates related to the situation on ground in Libya, while continuing to echo the importance of peace and stabilization within Libya. The talks were encouraging and positive, while urging collaborations and the importance of the continued support of the United States.







Ambassador and members of the Libyan-House of Representatives conducted a roundtable discussion with Senior Representatives of the Heritage Foundation. Mr. James Jay Carafano and fellow members from the Heritage Foundation headed the roundtable discussions with the Libyan House of Representatives. Talks were engaging, while echoing the heritage foundations continued efforts towards peace and security in Libya by their close communication with the U.S. administration.





## Ambassador Bughaighis Meets with U.S. Government Officials

As part of continuous engagements with the United States Government, Ambassador Wafa Bughaighis regularly meets with U.S. Department of State officials and officials from the National Security Council to discuss Libyan affairs and U.S. engagement in the country.

## Functions and Events

On January 08, 2020, Ambassador Wafa Bughaighis participated in a function that was hosted by the U.S. Libya Business Association (USLBA) where she was the guest of honor. USLBA's mission offers a platform to enhance Libya-U.S. relations and furthering economic and diplomatic collaboration between the two nations.

On January 10, 2020, Ambassador Wafa Bughaighis joined a conversation on U.S. strategy toward Africa with Mr. Robert O'Brian, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

## U.S. Secretary of Health hosts a meeting for Ambassadors' of Africa

In Continues engagement with the different branches of the U.S. government on January 16, 2020, Ambassador Wafa Bughaighis participated in a Blair House event hosted by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. Countries with a track record of enhancing and promoting women's health were honored and Libya was amongst the countries highlighted during the special occasion.



## Freedom House

Ambassador Bughaighis and visiting Libyan House of Representatives met with Vice President, Ms. Lisa Dickieson and Senior Director Ms. Laura Adams to discuss strategy development. The meeting took place at the Freedom House office in Washington, D.C. The Freedom House provides policy recommendations, while advocating and strengthening democracy abroad.





# Events and Functions

Ambassador Bughaighis Joined Chiefs of Missions to attend an address by the Honorable Donald Trump, President of the United States before the joint Sessions of Congress at the United States Capitol.

Ambassador Bughaighis participated in a briefing with the honorable Ambassador Robert O'Brian of the NSC-National Security Council. The Meridian Center for Diplomatic Engagement hosted the briefing which comprised of 50-60 foreign ambassadors. Ambassador Robert O'Brien discussed the most critical threats facing the United States and the world in general, he also shared his approach while working with the U.S. agencies responsible, related to National Security and Foreign Policy on how to ensure the safety and security of the U.S. and its Allies around the world.

Ambassador attended the 2020 International Diplomatic Luncheon, with the Honorable President of the United States Donald Trump, at the Washington Hilton, where he delivered some remarks.

Ambassador Bughaighis participated in the 68 th Nat-

ional Annual Prayer Breakfast with the Honorable President of the United States, at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Ambassador Bughaighis met with Ambassador of Italy to discuss recent updates concerning both countries.

On Feb 12, 2020. (SNA) Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing on U.S-Libya Policy. They addressed U.S-Libya Policy and recent fighting escalation enabled by foreign intervention, aimed at wresting control of the capital Tripoli, and posing threat to the international order in the Eastern Mediterranean. The aim to stop the fighting convened representatives from the GNA- Government of the National Accord and the opposing (LNA) Libyan National convened talks aimed at establishing a ceasefire in Libya. Nearly 700 Libyan civilians have died since these clashes began in April 2019 and the number continues to climb. The Honorable Secretary Michael Pompeo told leaders at the Berlin conference "There are things we can do today to foster a stable, sovereign, united country that is inhospitable to terrorists, and one day capable of inheriting prosperity through its energy resources. We must take actions to end the violence and flow of arms." In Libya.

Ambassador Bughaighis met with with representatives from Doctors without Borders. MSF-Medicins Sans Frontieres continues their programs and exchanged new updates related to the medical humanitarian needs in Libya.

Ambassador Bughaighis participated in a luncheon lecture, the discussion on "Global Development and U.S. Foreign Assistance Programs" which was presented by the Honorable Mark Green, Administrator USAID at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Bughaighis took part in an off-the-record conversation with the Honorable Ivanka Trump, Advisor to the President, hosted by the Chief of Protocol at the Blair House.

Ambassador continues her meetings and ongoing discussions with Deputy Assistant Secretary Henry Wooster, at the U.S. Department of State. Providing updates on Libya and reinforcing the importance of US-Libya bilateral relationships and enhanced U.S. engagement.

Ambassador Bughaighis participated in an "Ambassadors private Event" hosted by Dr. Victoria Coates former Deputy National Security Advisor for the MENA regions. Dr. Coates shared her new capacity at the Department of Energy.





## Ambassador Bughaighis hosts the Women's Diplomatic Series

Ambassador Bughaighis hosts the Women's Diplomatic Series (program discussion on Libya) The event title: A Conversation with Her Excellency Ambassador Wafa Bughaighis, "Culture, Conversation & Career" Well attended with a full house, guests included, ambassadors, diplomats, former U.S.-government officials, and professionals. The conversations were engaging, offering a complete experience to Libyan culture and gracious hospitality. Followed by Q&A's and an opportunity to personally engage one-to-one with Ambassador Bughaighis after her opening speech and a warm welcome to the guests.

## Ambassador Bughaighis continues engagement with Ambassadors in Washington D.C.

Ambassador Bughaighis welcomed at her office H.E. Madid Bouguerra, Ambassador of Algeria, they exchanged political views, while reinforcing the positive and good relationships between the State of Libya and the Republic of Algeria.







## Academic & Cultural Affairs Office

**Officials from the Embassy of the State of Libya welcome students from Université Laval, Canada, to share dialogue and perspectives concerning Libya's current affairs.**

February 20 thru 23, 2020 several universities in Canada and the United States participated in the 18th Annual International Model African Union Conference, held at Howard University, Washington, D.C. The model provided a unique opportunity to study Africa and the African Union through simulation augmented by briefings at African embassies in Washington, D.C. It is designed to increase awareness of the role and activities of the African Union and its member states, as well as to highlight major economic, political, and security issues in Africa. Each university sent a delegation of at least six students accompanied by a faculty advisor.

UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL, CANADA had chosen to "represent" Libya as the Model. Mr. Ahmed Alshanta, Academic and Cultural Attaché was responsible for the briefing and was accompanied by Mr. Issa Abusetta, Counselor,

Legal Affairs, and Mr. Moammed Hadia, Counselor, Political Section. The briefing included a wide variety of discussions that evolved around Libya's Government Affairs, followed by an open forum of Q & A.







## Libyan Community commemorate the 17th anniversary of the 17th of the February Revolution at Embassy of Libya.

