

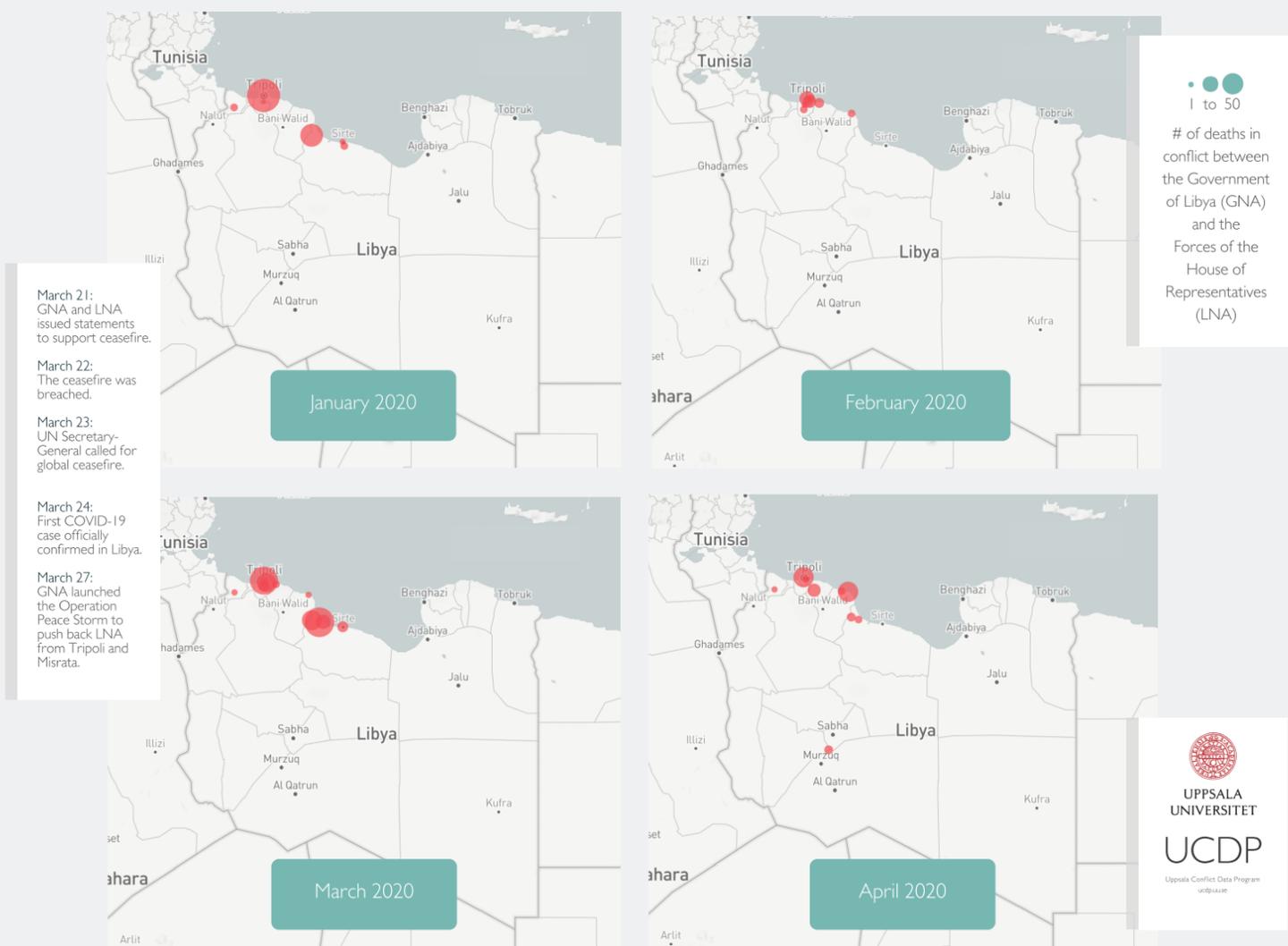


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# UNINTERRUPTED DESPITE COVID-19

## The Libyan Conflict from January to April 2020



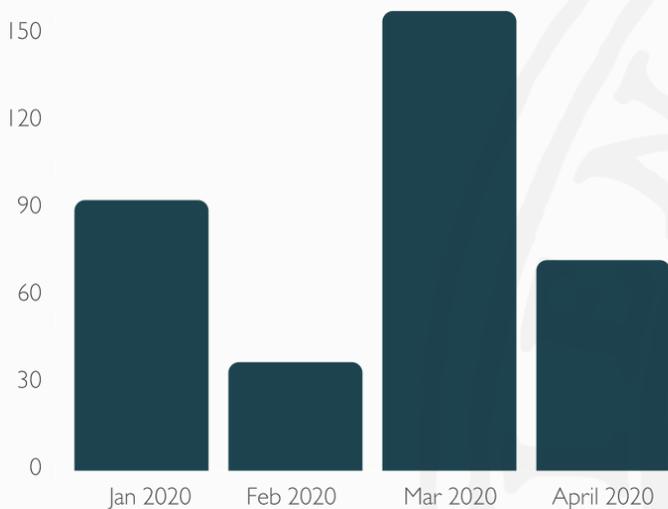
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According to the health authorities in Libya, the outbreak of COVID-19 is still very limited in the country and as of 15 May 2020, the number of cases seems to be the lowest in North Africa. Yet, the accuracy of such information cannot be ascertained. There is neither a central authority controlling the entire country nor any international or independent body that can monitor all data related to the extent of the epidemic in Libya.

Libya's medical sector suffers due to years of fighting, especially between Khalifa Haftar's Libyan National Army (LNA), which is loyal to Libya's eastern-based House of Representatives, and the internationally recognized Government of National Accord (GNA). Though the parties expressed their support for a ceasefire on March 21 to focus on the epidemic, it was breached just a day later. The UN Secretary-General's call for a global ceasefire on March 23 also did not have a significant impact in the short run and the intensity of the conflict remained at an alarming level. According to UCDP, from March 24, the day of the first confirmed COVID-19 case in Libya, till the end of April, nearly 150 people had been killed in the clashes. It is feared that the Libyan conflict may get worse during the epidemic in the country.

### Battle-related deaths in Libya



In the first quarter of 2020, **Tripoli and Misrata** are the most conflict-affected districts in Libya.

Nearly **20 percent** of the casualties are **civilians** in this period.



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