EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / LIBYA

Tripoli rain disrupts expressway access

Business continuity brief for an engineering contractor with staff appointments, supplier collections and university visits in Tripoli.

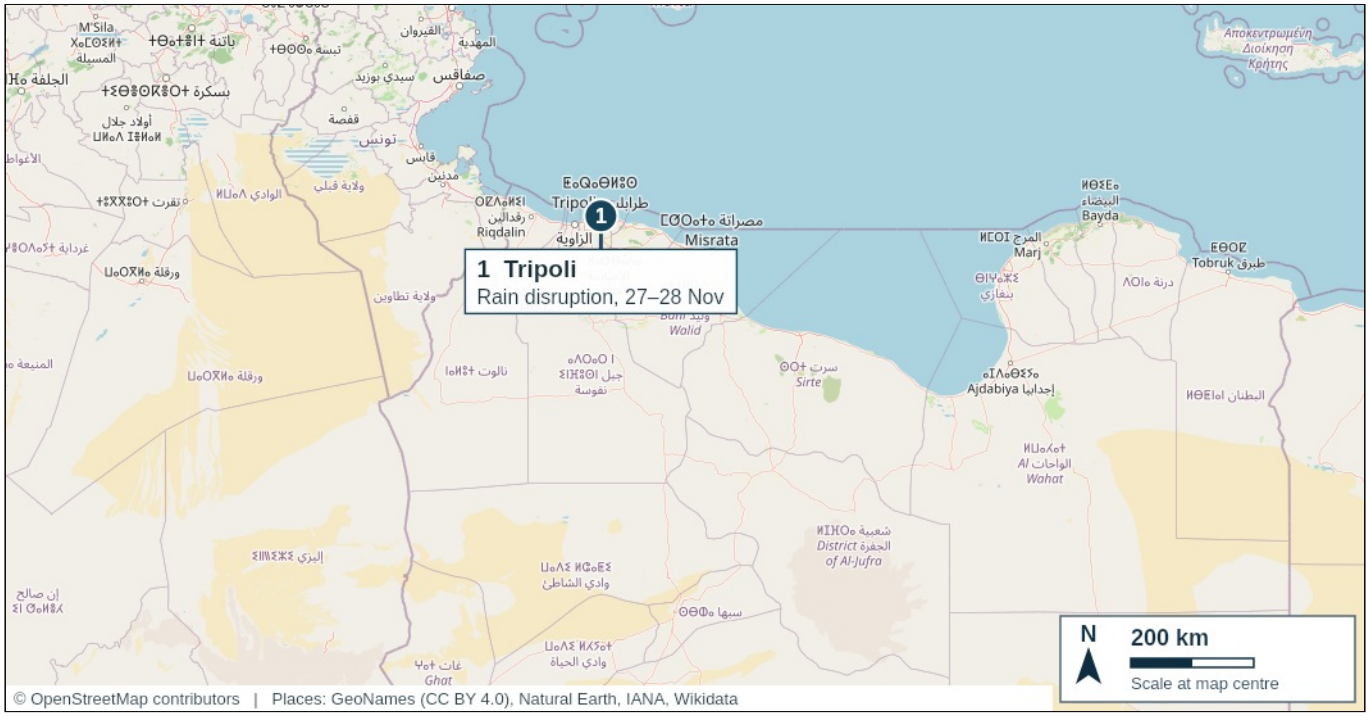
Client scenario fictional | Event verified from public reporting | Cut-off 22:16, 28/11/2026

Overnight rain left standing water at two named points on the Tripoli expressway. At 11:29 on Saturday, police reported Al-Gharara bridge and the Al-Bifi turnoff still closed to vehicles. By the afternoon, police described traffic moving in both directions along the main road, while Zenata bridge remained closed. A journey could therefore depend on which exit the driver needed. [C · D]

Sunday dispatch decision

Check the individual approach before confirming a timed journey. The University of Tripoli planned to resume classes and office work on Sunday, but exams remained postponed. Confirm which activity the client needs before sending a vehicle. [E]

Map 01 / Tripoli in the central Mediterranean



The regional view locates the capital on Libya's north-west coast. The following maps narrow the view to the city and one named junction.

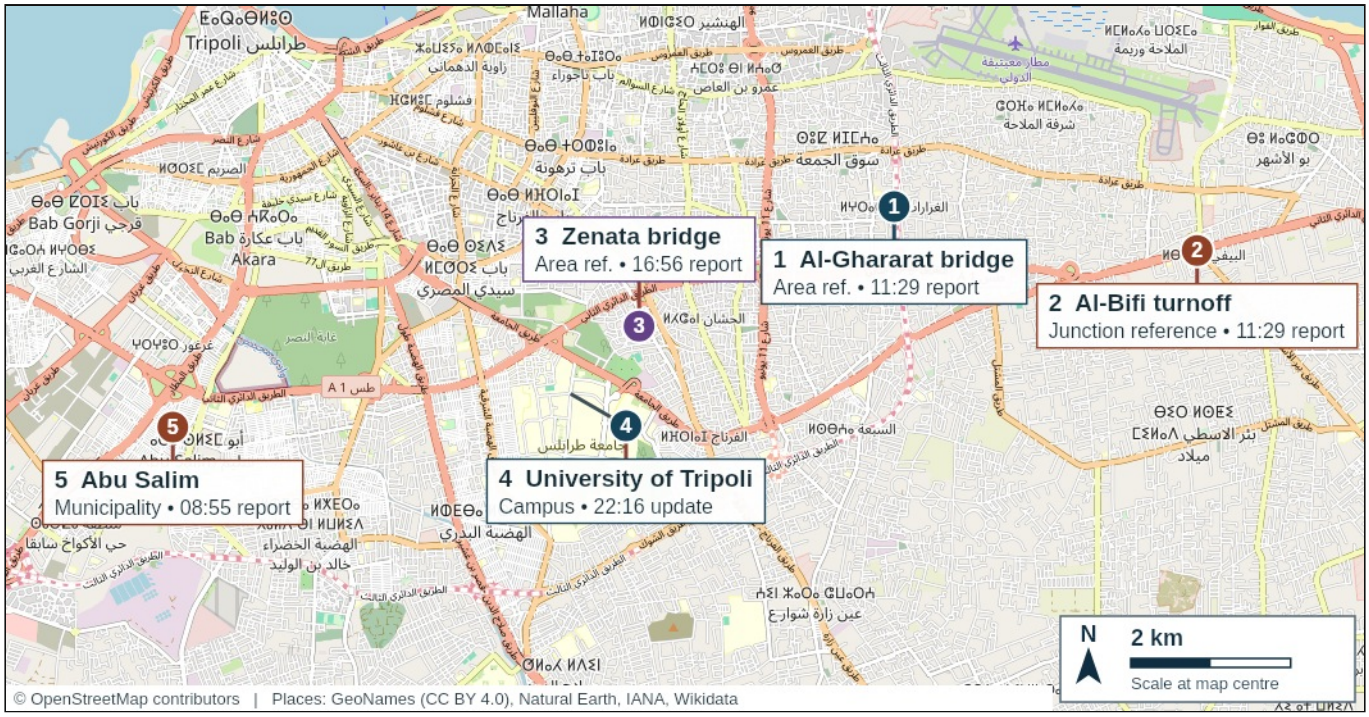
Reporting window 22–28 November 2026. The seven selected updates concern one rain episode on 27–28 November.

OVERVIEW / GREATER TRIPOLI

Where access was affected

Three road references, one university campus and one municipal response area put the reporting in context.

Map 02 / Greater Tripoli



Numbers identify the five references below. Colours distinguish callouts. Symbols give the reported location at the precision stated in the key.

1 **Al-Gharrarat bridge** Locality · 11:29

Police named the bridge as closed. Afternoon reporting still placed patrols in the area. The pin identifies the Al-Gharrarat locality. [C · D]

2 **Al-Bifi turnoff** Junction · 11:29

Police named the turnoff as closed. Map 03 enlarges the junction. The sources give no later reopening time for this individual turn. [C · D]

3 **Zenata bridge** Locality · 16:56

Police still described closure at the bridge. The pin locates the Zenata area. [D]

4 **University of Tripoli** Campus · 22:16

Campus reference for a university-wide decision. Sunday classes and administration were due to resume. Exams remained deferred. [E]

5 **Abu Salim** Municipality · 08:55

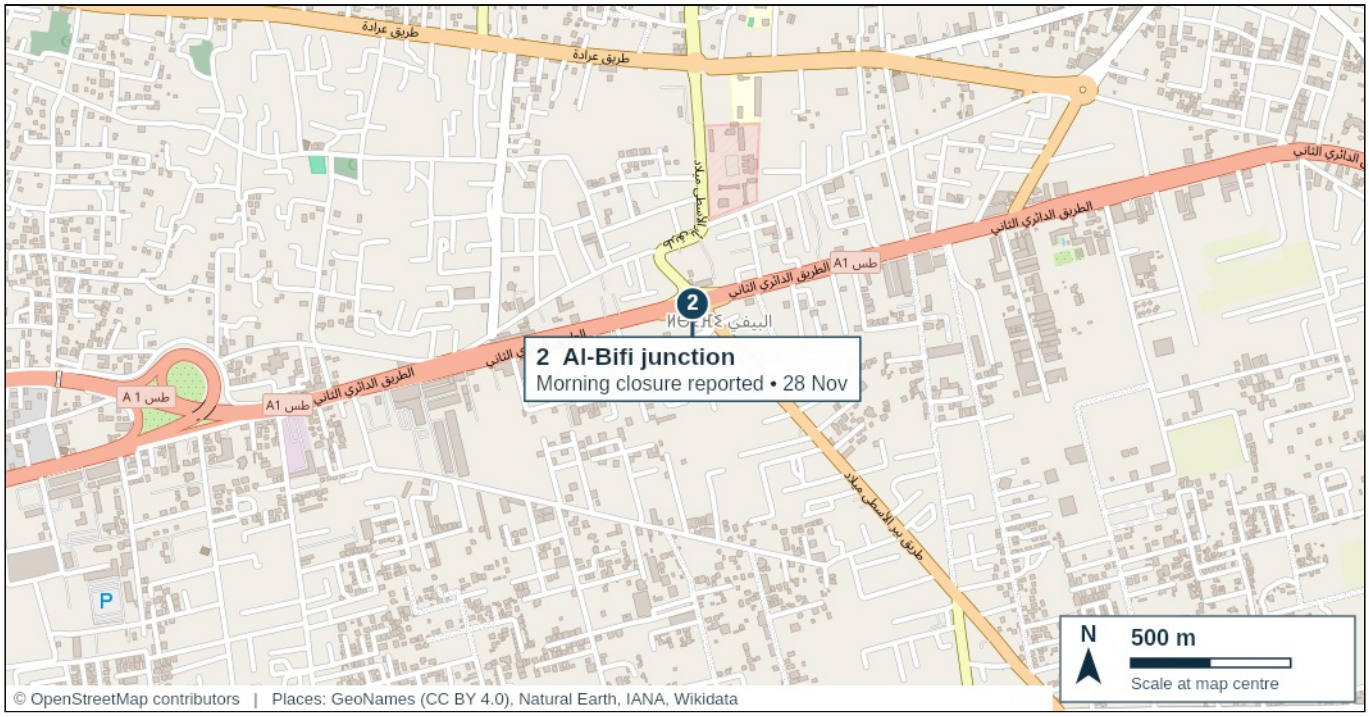
Municipal teams reported removing water overnight. The pin represents the area covered by their response. [A]

DETAIL / AL-BIFI

What changed during Saturday

Al-Bifi illustrates why a city-level “road open” message can still leave a transport coordinator with a question about the final turn.

Map 03 / Al-Bifi turnoff, eastern Tripoli



No. 2 on the city map. The marker identifies the junction of the coastal road and Bir al-Usta Milad Road. The exact lanes and flooded footprint were not established.

Morning

Two junctions closed

Police said the Al-Ghararat bridge and Al-Bifi turnoff remained closed after the previous night’s rain. Traffic flowed on most of the expressway. [C]

Afternoon

Through traffic resumed

Police described movement in both directions and said it had resumed earlier. The same report still recorded closure at Zenata and patrols directing drivers near Al-Ghararat. [D]

Evening

Sunday plans clarified

The university announced classes and administrative work would resume on 29 November. It kept Sunday exams postponed. Each faculty would issue its own dates. [E]

All times are local outlet publication times. The sources establish the order of the notices. They give no reliable duration for an individual closure.

ASSESSMENT / CLIENT DECISIONS

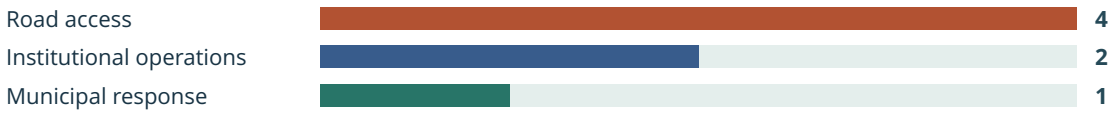
Which journeys can proceed?

For a contractor collecting parts or keeping a timed appointment, a blocked turnoff can matter more than traffic on the main carriageway. The afternoon update supported proceeding with bookings where the approach and receiving contact could both be confirmed. A fixed slot relying on Zenata still carried a credible risk of delay.

Decision	Trigger and action
Staff appointment	Release the trip once the host confirms the appointment and the local driver confirms the intended approach.
Supplier collection	If the booking depends on Zenata, ask for a later window until a fresh update confirms access there.
University visit	Confirm the specific office is receiving visitors. For exam-related work, wait for the faculty's replacement date.

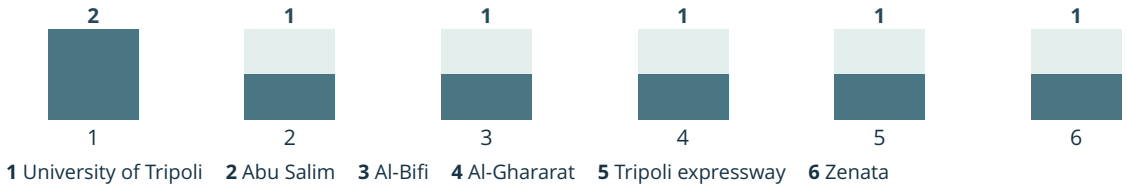
Selected updates by subject

Selected records · 7



Selected updates by location

One notice may cover more than one location



Each item is one selected status update. The university appears twice because it issued two decisions. The expressway-wide update counts once and has no map pin. Column numbers refer to the graph's own key.

When each subject was reported

Selected updates	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Road access	2	2	0
Institutional operations	1	0	1
Municipal response	1	0	0

Conclusion at the reporting cut-off

Keep confirmed Sunday appointments. Give deliveries a flexible slot where access remains uncertain, and hold exam-related visits until the faculty issues a new date. The two facts that change this decision are a fresh road update for the intended approach and confirmation from the receiving office.

EVIDENCE / SOURCES AND SCOPE

What the evidence supports

Five published notices underpin seven register entries. Letters in the brief link directly to the Arabic-language originals.

A **Overnight drainage work and calls for assistance**
08:55 · Abu Salim Municipality via Libyan News Agency (LANA)

B **Saturday classes suspended and exams deferred**
10:27 · University of Tripoli via LANA

C **Two expressway locations remained closed after overnight rain**
11:29 · Tripoli Security Directorate via LANA

D **Expressway traffic, remaining restrictions and drainage work**
16:56 · Tripoli Security Directorate and the head of traffic via Ean Libya

E **Sunday return to classes and administrative work. Exams postponed**
22:16 · University of Tripoli via LANA

Five Ws at a glance

Who	Commuters, university staff and students, municipal crews.
What	Two named road closures and a temporary university suspension.
When	Friday night 27 to Saturday 28 November 2026.
Where	Greater Tripoli, including its eastern expressway approaches.
Why	Rainwater pooled at junctions and under bridges.

Confidence and location accuracy

High confidence in the published closures and university decisions. **Moderate confidence** in access at a specific junction by evening. The traffic updates cover different places and times. The selected sources give no measured depth, client delay or individual all-clear for Al-Bifi.

The Al-Bifi junction was identified from the public works description and OpenStreetMap street geometry. Al-Gharara and Zenata use locality anchors. The campus and municipality pins identify the bodies covered by the reports.

Al-Bifi works description · Junction map · Al-Gharara · Zenata · Municipal reference · University campus

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