

## PDT MACRON MEETS NEW LIBYAN PDT MOHAMED ALMENFI AT ELYSEE PALACE

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The GNA, arose out of a political agreement sponsored by the UN, although it had never gained the confidence of the Parliament and had been quarreling since power with the parallel authorities in the east of Libya. However, the eastern region of Libya is de facto controlled by the military Khalifa Haftar, head of the self-proclaimed Libyan National Army (LNA), who officially did not take part in the political talks.

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