

Fourteen Soldiers Killed, 24 Wounded in Libya Clashes



Tripoli, April 18 (RHC)-- At least 14 soldiers have lost their lives and another 24 have been wounded during the Libyan National Army's assaults on a camp occupied by the Islamist Fajr Libya (Libya Dawn) militants in the capital Tripoli, a military source says.

"Battalion 101 on Friday completely controls the Libya Dawn camp in Tajura area," an army officer told China's official Xinhua news agency on condition of anonymity on Friday. The army also captured Ghut Al-Rumman gate of Tajura in the east of Tripoli, the officer added.

The supporters of the Libyan army in Tajura closed the main road of the area to cut possible supply to Fajr Libya militants, some witnesses said. Also on Friday, fierce battles erupted between the militants and the army forces in al-Azizia and al-Zahra areas in western Tripoli.

The UN is facilitating negotiations between Libya's warring sides on forming a unity government in the country. The talks have failed to deliver any practical results so far.

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