

URGENT ACTION

LIBYAN MP DISAPPEARED FOR OVER A YEAR

Member of the House of Representatives (Libya's parliament) Ibrahim al-Dersi went missing on 16 May 2024 after he attended a parade held by the self-proclaimed Libyan Arab Armed Forces (LAAF) in Benghazi, a city under their effective control. His fate and whereabouts remain unknown. In early May 2025, disturbing videos emerged on social media, showing Ibrahim al-Dersi shirtless in a dimly lit, confined space with concrete walls, bearing visible signs of torture. A heavy metal chain and large padlock were tied around his neck. The LAAF authorities must ensure that information about Ibrahim al-Dersi's fate and whereabouts is disclosed immediately. All those suspected of involvement in his enforced disappearance and torture, including high-ranking officers and commanders, must be brought to trial in fair proceedings.

TAKE ACTION: WRITE AN APPEAL IN YOUR OWN WORDS OR USE THIS MODEL LETTER

Field Marshal Khalifa Belqasim Haftar

General Commander of the Libyan Arab Armed Forces (LAAF)

<https://www.facebook.com/MidiaGovLibyan>, <https://www.facebook.com/LNAspox>

Dear Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar,

I am writing to express my deep concern over the ongoing disappearance of Libyan member of the House of Representatives (Libya's parliament) Ibrahim al-Dersi, who went missing after attending a parade held by the Libyan Arab Armed Forces (LAAF) in Benghazi. His fate and whereabouts remain unknown. Despite confirmation in July 2024 from the Internal Security Agency (ISA), operating under LAAF's command, that investigations into Ibrahim al-Dersi's disappearance were nearly complete, the agency has yet to make the results public.

In early May 2025, videos circulating on social media showed Ibrahim al-Dersi shirtless in a dimly lit, confined space with concrete walls, with visible signs of torture. A heavy metal chain and large padlock were fastened around his neck. In the videos, [authenticated](#) by the International Criminal Court's prosecutor's office, Ibrahim al-Dersi pleaded for his release with General Saddam Haftar, the effective leader of Tariq Ben Zeyad (TBZ), an armed group suspected of criminal responsibility in crimes under international law.

Comments by the ISA in relation to the disappearance of Ibrahim al-Dersi raise serious concerns about the agency's investigations. One such instance is the agency's rushed [denial](#) of the authenticity of the leaked videos showing Ibrahim al-Dersi, falsely claiming they were fabricated using artificial intelligence. Another is the provision of unfounded or implausible explanations for his disappearance, including allegations that he was abducted by foreign intelligence services.

I urge you to ensure that Ibrahim al-Dersi's fate and whereabouts are disclosed immediately. All those reasonably suspected of involvement in his disappearance and torture, including high-ranking officers and commanders, must be investigated and, if there is sufficient admissible evidence, prosecuted in fair trials.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ibrahim al-Dersi is a member of the House of Representatives, Libya's parliament, for the Benghazi constituency. He is also the head of the Endowments and Islamic Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives. Shortly after the publication of the videos in May 2025, Libya Public Prosecutor's office launched an investigation into his disappearance.

Ibrahim al-Dersi's disappearance on 16 May 2024 is a stark reminder of abductions, enforced disappearances and arbitrary detentions perpetrated by security agencies and militias operating in areas under the control of LAAF, the de facto authority in eastern Libya. For instance, Amnesty International [documented](#) how the armed group Tariq Ben Zeyad (TBZ), one of the most powerful armed groups operating under LAAF, has been implicated since 2016 in abductions and enforced disappearances of political figures, activists, journalists and other civilians. Those abducted by the TBZ were targeted for their actual or perceived opposition to the LAAF, including their criticism on social media of LAAF General Commander Khalifa Haftar or his son Saddam Haftar or their allies; their tribal or family affiliations; their political activism; their refusal to cooperate with the LAAF, their media work; and/or their participation in anti-LAAF protests.

Other militias in areas under LAAF's authority have been also implicated in abductions and enforced disappearance. For instance, on 17 July 2019, dozens of masked gunmen wearing army attire stormed MP [Siham Sergiwa](#)'s home in Benghazi, eastern Libya. The night before her abduction, Siham Sergiwa had publicly called for an end to the LAAF offensive on Tripoli. Eyewitnesses to Siham Sergiwa's abduction and photos examined by Amnesty International point to graffiti on the wall of her house as evidence that Awliya al-Dam, an armed brigade affiliated with the LAAF, was responsible. Siham Sergiwa's whereabouts remain unknown to the day.

On 7 October 2023, LAAF affiliates [took](#) hostage 36 women and 13 children from the al-Barghathi family. They were released after Al-Mahdi al-Barghathi, former Minister of Defence, and his son were taken into LAAF custody, along with 38 other al-Barghathi family members and supporters. The fate and whereabouts of at least 19 of them remains unknown, amid fears they may have been extrajudicially executed after being captured.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: Arabic and English.

You can also write in your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: 2 December 2025.

Please check with the Amnesty office in your country if you wish to send appeals after the deadline.

NAME AND PRONOUN: Ibrahim al-Dersi (he/him).