



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **The Office of Dr Aref Ali Nayed Chairman of *Ihya Libya* Bloc (Reviving Libya)**

#### **On Ceasefire Announcement**

The *Ihya Libya* Bloc (Reviving Libya) welcomes the two statements issued today, Friday, August 21, 2020, by H.E. the Speaker of the Libyan House of Representatives (HoR) and the President of the Presidential Council of the Government of National Accord (GNA), who agreed to declare a (ceasefire) on all Libyan soil and to resume the Libyan-Libyan political dialogue.

These two statements, if supported by sincere intentions, hard work, and real national, regional, and international guarantees, can form the basis for a comprehensive Libyan-Libyan negotiation and agreement that will

- 1- Save Libya's sovereignty, unity, and freedom.
- 2- Expedite relief for the Libyan citizens who are daily deprived of their security, safety, health, livelihood, and hope for a stable and prosperous life.
- 3- Salvage the wealth of the Libyan people from waste, corruption, terrorism financing, and unjust distribution.
- 4- Expedite the removal of all foreign forces and mercenaries off the entire Libyan soil and the dismantling of all irregular armed groups.
- 5- Lead to urgent presidential and parliamentary elections that renew legitimacy in Libya and give every Libyan their right to authorize whomever they want through the ballot boxes rather than populist or military mobilization, extension, and stalling under flimsy legitimacy arguments.

It is noteworthy that the *Ihya Libya* Bloc (Reviving Libya) has addressed an open letter to the Secretary-General of the United



Nations on June 29, 2020. It included basic elements in common with the two statements issued today, along with other points we consider very important to ensure the credibility, success, and stability of the ceasefire steps and the resumption of political path.

We are in daily contact with all national, regional, and international actors on all these points.

Praise is due always to God.

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