



SMA AFRICOM Panel Discussion- Libya

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Agenda

Speakers: The speakers for this discussion will include:

- LTG(R) Michael K. Nagata (CACI International)
- Mr. Jason Pack (Libya-Analysis LLC / Middle East Institute)
- Mr. Jonathan Winer (Middle East Institute)

Agenda:

- After the panelists have a chance to introduce themselves, **LTG Nagata** will discuss the following:
 - A brief synopsis of the US trajectory regarding Libya since the 2011 intervention to depose Gaddafi
 - The up-and-down nature of US interest or involvement regarding Libya, including the enormous distorting effect that the 2012 Benghazi attack created
 - The emergence of ISIS in Libya, and US efforts against it
 - The GNA vs LNA conflict, including the growing number of Nation States that have “picked sides” in this war
- **LTG Nagata** will then turn to **Mr. Pack** and **Mr. Winer** to them for their opening remarks.
 - During these opening remarks, **Mr. Pack** will address the following:
 - A 30,000-foot strategic overview of the Libya conflict—why it is important to the US and why various international players seek to dominate the Libya file
 - The fissures within the anti-LNA and pro-LNA coalitions and their medium-to-long term implications
 - Taking an economic approach to deploying US leverage
 - **Mr. Winer** will then address the following:
 - Attitudes and roles of foreign actors and the issue of Haftar and his psychology and intentions
 - What the US should do and how it should go about it (regarding counter terrorism and promote stability)
- During the Q&A session, **LTG Nagata** will pose the following questions to **Mr. Pack** and **Mr. Winer**:
 - One of the things that it appears has constantly eluded US policymakers is a reasonably clear statement of “What are we trying to do?” What SHOULD our goals be?
 - Libya is not an island... what should the US be doing (or stop doing) regarding the broader region, or even Europe and the Middle East, that might improve our prospects regarding Libya?
 - China is obviously moving to displace US influence in Africa, and Russia has certainly claimed some of the strategic space in Libya. What should the US be doing to retain or regain our influence?

Speaker Biographies

LTG(R) Michael K. Nagata (CACI International)

Lieutenant General (Retired) Michael K. Nagata served in the U.S. Army from February 1981 to August 2019. His military career spanned 38 years of active service; including 34 years as a member of US Special Operations Forces. His final government position was Director of Strategic Operational Planning for the U.S. National Counterterrorism Center from 2016 to 2019. Today, he serves as a Strategic Advisor, and Senior Vice President, for CACI International in Arlington, Virginia.

Throughout his career, LTG(R) Nagata deployed in multiple Contingency and Combat special operations and campaigns across three continents, including East and North Africa, the Middle East, and Levant, and Central and South Asia; predominantly in the Counterterrorism & Counterinsurgency arenas. He also served in both Strategy and Policy positions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, two assignments in the U.S. Intelligence Community, and extensive service within US Embassies.

LTG(R) Nagata and his wife Barbara have five children, and currently resides in Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. Jason Pack (Middle East Institute / Libya-Analysis LLC)

Jason Pack is a [Non-Resident Fellow](#) at the Middle East Institute, Author of [An International Financial Commission is Libya's Last Hope](#), Founder of [Libya-Analysis LLC](#), and Emeritus Director of [Eye on ISIS in Libya](#)—a non-profit 501c3 monitoring service detailing the group's history, its interactions with other jihadi actors, and Western actions toward the group. In 2017-18, he served as Executive Director of the U.S.-Libya Business Association. Currently, he is working on a popular book exploring what Libya's dysfunctional economic structures and its ongoing civil war tells us more broadly about globalization and the geopolitics of the 21st century. In 2004, he was a Fulbright Scholar in Syria. In 2008, he moved to Tripoli to assist Western businesses in reentering Libya amidst the late Qadhafi-era reforms. His articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Spectator*, *The Financial Times*, *The Petroleum Economist*, *The Guardian*, *Foreign Policy*, and *Foreign Affairs*.

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Mr. Jonathan Winer (Middle East Institute)

Jonathan M. Winer
Non-Resident Scholar

Jonathan M. Winer has been the United States Special Envoy for Libya, the deputy assistant secretary of state for international law enforcement, and counsel to United States Senator John Kerry. He has written and lectured widely on U.S. Middle East policy, counterterrorism, international money laundering, illicit networks, corruption, and U.S.-Russia issues.

In 2016, Winer received the highest award granted by the Secretary of State, for "extraordinary service to the U.S. government" in avoiding the massacre of over 3,000 members of an Iranian dissident group in Iraq, and for leading U.S. policy in Libya "from a major foreign policy embarrassment to a fragile but democratic, internationally recognized government." In 1999, he received the Department's second highest award, for having "created the capacity of the Department and the U.S. government to deal with international crime and criminal justice as important foreign policy functions." The award stated that "the scope and significance of his achievements are virtually unprecedented for any single official."

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