Libya and Regional Security

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In theory and practice, there is a consensus that the question of regional security is becoming of great importance. This largely due to the fact that the level of international security is interlocked and heavily pending on the extent of *micro-security*: i.e. regional, sub-regional, national, local and personal.

Accordingly, we will examine how Libya deals with the security issue within its regional settings. Initially, this requires throwing light on the underlying factors that heavily determine the preference and priority of which regional security arrangement to adhere. In the Libya case, there are a number of alternatives. This include: the Arab world, the Middle East, North Africa, the Arab Maghreb and the Mediterranean Region.

Since alternatives (for any entity) are usually vulnerable to obstacles and setbacks, we will subsequently analyze them with the aim to disclose their relevance to the question of national security and interest. In this context, the core question of our contribution focuses on the calculations used in favor of a specific engagement. In other words, what are the potential gains and losses in following a certain path when options are numerous, especially in the contemporary world that is labeled by rapidly changing political milieu?