



Definition: An inflammatory term provided in some of the online surveys and highlighted by participants in the Kufra focus group was “eamil,” which means “foreign agent” or “spy.” Survey respondents stated that this term is used to accuse people of being spies or agents for foreign entities or governments and is often directed towards individuals who work for international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) or foreign embassies. The term is associated with the context around the phrase “jamaat almojtama almadani,” discussed below.

Why it’s offensive and inflammatory: This term was noted as being particularly inflammatory in the Libyan context due to the widespread mistrust within the country with regards to suspicion of foreign organizations and their potential interference in domestic affairs. Labeling someone as “eamil” implies that they are acting in the interest of outside actors, rather than in the interest of Libya and the Libyan people. It has been employed online frequently in reference to Haftar and his supporters, claiming that he is an agent of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and the UAE. The use of this hate speech term increased significantly in volume in early April 2019 when the LNA launched its offensive to try to take Tripoli.

Non-offensive alternative terms: None provided

11. بربر / Berber

Other spellings and related references: بربري / *barbery* (English translation: *barbaric*); أمازيغي / *amazighi*; جاهل / *jahil* (English translation: *ignorant*)

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