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"Crafting the Vision and Strategy for Renewable Development in Libya"

H.E. Mohammed A.E. Ekhalat, Deputy Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy of Libya, spoke with Helene Rang, NUMOV, German Near and Middle East Association



Tripoli by night

HR: *Libya has a high potential for renewable energy. In general, how do you see renewable energy developing in the future?*

H.E. Mohammed A.E. Ekhalat: Despite the tremendous potential of renewable energy in Libya, its contribution of renewable energy to the national energy mix remains negligible. However, the future of renewable energy in Libya, in particular solar and wind, seems to be very promising. The government of the new Libya (post Gaddafi era) is totally committed to developing the renewable energy sources. This strong political will can be felt through the newly formed Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy, which is totally dedicated to advancing the uti-

lization of renewable energy and increasing its share in the national energy mix.

HR: *The solar potential of Libya is estimated at 53,000 GW, which is the second highest estimate in the Near and Middle East and only topped by Algeria with 63,000 GW. However, renewable energy currently only makes up less than 1% of the country's energy profile. 38% of the energy is generated through gas, while 61% is produced through oil. Could you describe the political visions and plans to increase the share of solar energy in the national energy mix?*

H.E. Mohammed A.E. Ekhalat: With respect to action plans and future expectations, a target of

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