



## USITF Newsletter #9, Week of 8<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016

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Welcome to another edition of the weekly USITF newsletter, “**Italian Politics This Week**,” a snapshot on past week’s major events, complete with news and analyses from national and international sources.

**Italian investigators to ask for phone records:** Italian sleuths will ask their Egyptian counterparts to provide [phone records](#) of 10 friends of Giulio Regeni, the Italian PhD student found dead in a ditch on 3 February in Cairo, Egypt. The phone records will be used to find out about the student’s activities on the day before he was killed. Italian and Egyptian prosecutors will meet again on Tuesday. Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni will [brief](#) the Parliament on 5 April on the latest developments of the investigation, including how Egyptian security forces knew about meetings between Regeni and trade unionists. On Wednesday, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi [stated](#) “we will only stop when we have found the truth, the real one and not a convenient one on the Cairo murder of student Giulio Regeni.”

**Italy supports Libyan President Fayeze al-Sarraj:** After Libya’s Presidential Council moved to Tripoli, Gentiloni [said](#) on Wednesday, “It is another step forward for the stabilisation of Libya. On the basis of the determination of Premier (Fayyez al-Sarraj) and the Presidential Council fresh progress is now possible for the Libyan people.” On Thursday, Gentiloni and Sarraj [agreed](#) on the dispatch of food and medical kits from Italy to Libya. Later in the week, Matteo Renzi declared support for [Sarraj’s](#) efforts in Tripoli and that Italy will [do its bit](#) in case of intervention in the North African country.

**Marine’s case still to be solved:** The Hague’s tribunal in charge of solving the dispute between India and Italy over the two marines convicted for killing two Indian fishermen will [decide](#) in a month whether to allow one of them, Salvatore Girone, to return home. The other marine, Massimiliano Latorre, is already in Italy after having suffered from a stroke in 2014. At a joint [summit](#) between the EU and India, Indian Prime Minister [Narendra Modi and EU leaders](#) did not come to terms over the issue. Matteo Renzi stated on Friday that he had [talked](#) with Modi about the fate of the marines in Washington.

**Guidi steps down over conflict of interest allegations:** Wiretaps released by the police showed Industry Minister Federica Guidi discussing with her boyfriend, Gianluca Gemelli, about a favorable amendment affecting the development of an [oil field](#) in Basilicata, a southern region of Italy. Gemelli, who manages two oil sector companies, has been put under investigation for influence [peddling](#), but denied committing any [wrongdoing](#). The anti-establishment 5 Star Movement announced it would present a no [confidence](#) motion next week. Commenting on Guidi’s resignation, Renzi [said](#) “Italy has changed: if previously people didn’t resign over inopportune phone calls, now they resign.”