

**Libya Domestic Media, March 1 (covering February 15 – February 28 2010)**

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**(Jana website, state-owned new agency, Tripoli, in Arabic 1627 GMT 11 Feb 10)**

- The Libyan leader received a report about the North African Arab Maghred Union (AMU) from the Secretary-General of said union about the institutions, structures and history of the AMU, aiming to ensure coordination between member countries at the next AMU summit in Libya.

**(Jana website, state-owned new agency, Tripoli, in Arabic 0000 GMT 20 Feb 10)**

- Mahmud Abbas, President of Palestine, arrived in Libya Saturday evening.

**(State-owned Libyan TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 1230 GMT 21 Feb 2010)**

- Maj Djibo Saliou, Chairman of the military council in Niger, held a telephone conversation with Al-Qadhafi to explain the circumstances of the recent events in Niger.

**(Jana website, state-owned new agency, Tripoli, in Arabic 22 Feb 10)**

- The Libyan government said Switzerland « caved in to the Libyan warning » following the handing over of a Swiss national to authorities in Tripoli. The Libyan government had asked the Swiss embassy to let Swiss national Rachid Hamdani go back home and hand over Max Goeldi. A Libyan court acquitted Hamdani of alleged violations of migration laws but Goeldi was sentenced to four months in prison. The Swiss embassy was accused of using its building's immunity for « unacceptable purposes ». Libyan relations with Switzerland deteriorated after 188 Libyans were banned, including Al-Qadhafi and his family. Tripoli replied by banning all Europeans living in the Schengen visa zone from entering Libya.

**(Jana website, state-owned new agency, Tripoli, in Arabic 2141 GMT 22 Feb 10)**

- Rachid Hamdani accused Switzerland of complicating the issues with Libya and declared himself grateful to the treatment received in Libya.

**(State-owned Libyan TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 1930 GMT 23 Feb 2010)**

- Text of the press release issued by the secretariat-general of the Comessa : « The secretariat-general of the Community of Sahel and Saharan States has followed with great satisfaction, the signing of the framework agreement for peace, between the Sudanese government and the Justice and Equality Movement, in the Darfur region, under the auspices of His Excellency President Idriss Deby Itno of Chad. The secretariat-general of the Community of Sahel and Saharan States commends this massive achievement and welcomes this brave step, which comes in response to the great efforts made by the brother leader Mu'mmar al-Qadhafi, head of the Community and the permanent sponsor of peace in its region, and his continuous calls, along with the other members of the

presidential council, for all warring parties in Darfur to use the language of dialogue and reconciliation, and to move away from violence and refrain from the use of arms as a means to resolve issues and differences. This agreement represents a very important step towards achieving a permanent and just peace in Darfur, and requires more effort to achieve the aim, which is for comprehensive peace to prevail all over Darfur, and to alleviate the pain and suffering of the region's people. The Community of Sahel and Saharan States passionately calls on all factions and other parties to the conflict, to join the peace process and sign up to this framework agreement. The secretariat-general of the Community sends His Excellency President Umar Ahmad Hasan al-Bashir and the leadership of the Justice and Equality Movement, its great appreciation for their work to achieve the peace of the brave, and for opting for the best option, which is the option of dialogue and peace. We congratulate the people of Sudan on this victory against division and foreign interference. The secretariat-general stresses again the endorsement of Mu'mmar al-Qadhafi, head of the Community and the permanent sponsor of peace in its region, and his continuous readiness to attend forthcoming talks, until comprehensive peace is achieved."

**(Jana website, state-owned new agency, Tripoli, in Arabic 1754 GMT 24 Feb 10)**

- Al-Qadhafi received the president of Chad, Idris Deby, to discuss the framework agreement on a ceasefire in Darfur signed on 21 February by the Sudanese government and the Justice and Equality movement.

**(Jana website, state-owned new agency, Tripoli, in Arabic 1648 GMT 25 Feb 10)**

- *Al-Qadhafi declared at an international meeting* : "We will not give up jihad because it is an obligation to defend ourselves and religion, while we reject terrorism and we reject mixing terrorism with jihad." He further explained that every Muslim in the world who works with Switzerland is against the Prophet, God and the Koran, this country being an "infidel, obscene state which is destroying mosques", calling for "jihad against it will all the means". He also called for a boycott of Swiss goods, airline, ports and ambassadors.