

Libya Domestic Media, Covering Libya from February 21, 2011- March 4, 2011
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State Owned Media

1. Text of report by state-owned Libyan TV on 3 March

The Supreme Judicial council held a meeting on March 3, 2011, at noon, to discuss The United Nations Security Council's 1970 resolution which refers the Libyan regime to the International Criminal Court

The council discussed what is happening in the country and are taking legal procedures taken by the public prosecutor. They will conduct a study through the ICC and they stated that it is important to implement Libyan Criminal Law in light of current situations.

2. State Owned Libyan T.V. on March 3

The Libyan announcer said that an "armed" Dutch helicopter entered the Libyan airspace and had landed at Siirte. The report pointed out that the helicopter had entered Libya "without authorisation" in clear "violation of international norms".

Three Dutch navy marines were on board the helicopter, which was based aboard a Dutch frigate in the Mediterranean. The report said the Saudi-backed Al-Arabiya TV had "alleged" the Dutch helicopter was "helping so called refugees". The presenter praised the Libyan armed forces for "controlling" the helicopter that was "armed with machine guns, electronic rifles, live ammunition, satellite communication equipment and GPS systems". The report added the footage "reveals the nature of the helicopter's mission".

The video report showed the Dutch crew, including one woman, sitting in a room. It showed night-time footage of the helicopter, displayed maps, the interior of the helicopter, assault rifles, dollar notes, notebooks, pistols, mobile phones, bullets and ammunition, military-fatigue body armour, inflatable life jackets and a Sony digital camera. The video report closed with group of Libyan soldiers celebrating by the helicopter.

3. State Owned Libyan T.V. on March 4

"The masses and the popular leadership in Al-Zawiyah [50km west of Tripoli] have managed to secure the city from armed terrorist elements," Libyan state TV reported in an "urgent" screen caption

4. *State Owned Al-Jamahiriyah T.V. on March 4*

A video report showing “pills that were discovered and seized in the last two days” was repeated on the state-owned channel. When the reporter asked the depot worker who reportedly found the drugs, the worker replied that “Libyan youth must be very cautious”. The Studio commentator said that there were more than 37 million pills in the video report, which was “only ten percent of what has been smuggled”.