

**Libya Domestic Media, June 22 (covering June 1 – June 21 2010)**

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**(State-owned Libyan TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 1930 GMT 8 June 10)**

- The General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation issued a statement saying it was surprised that media reports were declaring that the UNHCR office in Tripoli had been closed for unknown reasons, as all Libya considers all its activities illegal. Libya considers UNHCR's activities in Tripoli illegal because the country is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention and hasn't signed any cooperation agreement with the UNHCR.

**(State-owned Libyan TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 1600 GMT 9 June 10)**

- The Libyan Prime Minister, Al-Baghdadi al-Mahmudi held talks with his Greek counterpart, George Papandreou, to strengthen bilateral cooperation. The two countries signed a memorandum of understanding to encourage investments and avoid double taxation between Libya and Greece.

**(State-owned Libyan TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 1613 GMT 9 June 10)**

- Al-Qadhafi met with Greek prime minister George Papandreou and it was reported that they discussed the "tragic situation in the Palestinian territories and the suffering of the Palestinian people".

**(Jana, state-owned news agency, Tripoli, in Arabic 1600 GMT 9 June 10)**

- Libya and the EU signed a "guidance programme which includes priorities for the EU in its financial and technical contribution to Libya's development for the years 2011-2013". Jana reported that Libya and the EU agreed "to cooperate with all the UN institutions in order to curb the deployment of weapons of mass destruction and combat terrorism". The two sides also discussed issues of illegal immigration and it was noted that some issues, including the Rome-based International Criminal Court, will need more dialogue in further negotiations.

**(Jana website, state-owned news agency, Tripoli, in Arabic 11 June 10)**

- AL-Qadhafi met with Quartet representative Tony Blair who briefed the Libya leader on the results of his current mission concerning the Middle East.

**(State-owned Libyan TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 1815 GMT 12 June 10)**

- Al-Qadhafi urged Arab countries to clear their territories of foreign troops during the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the withdrawal of US troops in Libya. He insisted that the presence of foreign troops in Arab countries had to be temporary and if the troops did not withdraw peacefully, revolution would be necessary as what the case with Libya.

**(State-owned Libyan TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 1815 GMT 12 June 10)**

- Al-Qadhafi said in a speech for the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the withdrawal of American troops in Libya that there was no problem between the Obama administration and Libya at the moment. He noted that the Israel issue with the US did not concern Libya but that a problem between the USA and Palestinians was generally a Middle East problem. He added: "If a force like the USA comes to [Libya](#) one day to return to this [military] base, it should be clear that we will not resist it with tanks, canons or aircraft. We will resist it with an armed people. This is why we should adhere to popular military training. All Libyan men and women have to train on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis in the use of weapons so that Libyan land becomes very difficult for anyone to occupy."

**(State-owned Libyan TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 1930 GMT 13 June 10)**

- Switzerland officially reiterated its apology concerning the illegal publication of pictures of Hannibal Mu'ammara Al-Qadhafi and is currently conducting a criminal investigation to transfer the offenders to the judiciary.

**(State-owned Libyan TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 1930 GMT 13 June 10)**

- Al-Qadhafi met with the chairman of the supreme Council for the Restoration of Democracy and head of state of Niger, Gen Djibo Salou who thanked him for his efforts to establish security and stability in northern Niger.

**(State-owned Libyan TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 1230 GMT 21 June 10)**

- A joint Libyan-French naval exercise was successfully carried off the Tripoli coast and the Libya TV reported that the crews proved to be ready for "search operations on suspicious ships".