

Libya Domestic Media, Covering Libya from March 7, 2011 – March 8, 2011
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1. *Source: Libyan TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 1930 gmt 7 Mar 11
Programme Summary*

Reading from the Green Book

Headlines

- Libyan leader holds phone conversation with president of Equatorial guinea, who offers him support.
- Libyan leader holds phone conversation with president of South Africa; discuss the "conspiracy" against Libya.
- Libyan leader waved at the crowds in the Green Square last night. Time not given, no speech. Video of crowds in square.
- Video report on a number of demonstrations around Libya in support of Al-Qadhafi.
- Libyan Higher Council for Judicial bodies holds meeting to discuss recent events.
- British journalist Robert Fisk wrote in the Independent today that the "US had asked Saudi Arabia to provide weapons" to the "terrorist gangs" in Libya, No Saudi response was observed.
- US officials and military experts admit existence of real danger of Al-Qa'idah in Libya.

2. *Text of report by state-owned Libyan news agency Jana, Tripoli, 8 March*

- The brother secretary for foreign liaison and international cooperation, [Musa Kusah], has said that the Great Jamahiriya is waiting for the fact-finding commission which it had asked to be sent in order to see the current incidents as they are and not as they are distorted by the hostile media.
- At a news conference he held in Tripoli last night, the brother secretary said: "We requested this commission since the first day; but regrettably, up to now the UN Security Council has failed to send it. This council seems to have an agenda on this issue and this is what confirms that there is a big conspiracy to invade Libya."
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- The brother secretary reiterated the Great Jamahiriyah's readiness to receive the fact-finding commission it had requested and that it would help this commission with all its requests in order to find out about the real situation in Libya and know who caused these incidents.

3. *Text of report by state-owned Libyan TV at 1400gmt on 8 March*

Libyan TV pokes fun at Al-Jazeera's "switch to comedy" instead of news

- Libyan TV news anchor mocks Al-Jazeera's news channel, stating that it has turned into a channel specializing in "cheap jokes" and continues to show "test broadcasts with its despicable rumours".
- The anchor said that "Arab and foreign comedy channels, as well as comedy magazines, as now afraid of extreme competition following Al-Jazeera's switch of specialization."
- He referred to a "cheap joke" the channel had aired last night in which it quoted sources as saying that Al-Qadhafi offered the National Transitional Council to hold the General People's Congress so he can step down with guarantees.
- Reportedly, Libyans here are asking whether they should be speaking in Hebrew instead of Arabic for the Qatari Al-Jarirah to understand that the leadership of the revolution is not a presidential or royal position from which Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi could step down.

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