

Lybia Domestic Media Monitoring Report
Covering 27 April – 2 May
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State Media

Source: Al-Jamahiriya and Al-Libiyah TVs, 28 Apr 11

Al-Libiyah quoted a military source about the "people's armed forces cleansing Wazin border crossing from the armed criminal gangs whose some members were captured and others escaped across the Tunisian border". It also quoted the same source as saying that Al-Kufrah region [1200 km to the south of Benghazi] was "cleansed from the armed gangs and is completely under the control" of the Libyan government forces.

Source: Jana news agency, 28 April 11

Jana also reported on the newly-formed "Legion of Tripoli Women Fighters", which it said included 500 women who "are prepared to fight battles of honour and ready to implement the call of duty and defend the homeland".

Source: Al-Jamahiriyah TV, Tripoli, in Arabic 0830 gmt 29 Apr 11

Libya's justice ministry has appealed to the people of the besieged city of Misratah to give in their weapons between 29 April and 3 May in return for an amnesty, state-run Al-Jamahiriyah TV reported in a regular news broadcast on 29 April.

"In responding to this appeal, our brothers and sisters in the homeland will preserve their blood and the blood of our Libyan brothers and sisters, and maintain the security of your city and your people. Published in Tripoli on 28/4/2011."

Source: Al-Jamahiriyah TV, May 1, 11

Following the death of Al-Qadhafi's son, the four-hour long "Good Morning the First Jamahiriyah" programme invited a number of guests reading out poems and making comments attacking NATO and the rebels, who were referred to as "rats".

A guest, presented as poet Milud Abu Salamah read out a long poem attacking the rebels as "rats" who would be "chased in every street and alley and ferreted out of their holes".

Source: Al-Jamahiriyah TV, May 2, 11

The presenter of "Al-Jamahiriyah this evening", said Libyans were in a "state of jihad", and will become "time bombs". He added that "we did not go to Washington, we did not fight in Rome or kill in Paris, but they came here and killed our innocent. Thus they should expect that every Libyan who lost someone would become a time bomb in Rome, Washington and Paris."

Opposition Media

Source: Birniq newspaper, 28 April, 11

Birniq quoted its correspondent as saying that "three citizens were killed and eight others wounded in Al-Qadhafi's brigades shelling of Al-Kufrah Town, situated 1,150 km to the south of Benghazi, in southeastern Libya". He also said that Al-Qadhafi brigades were trying to enter the town through its southern gate, and that the brigades were "accompanied by 1,500 Chadian mercenaries who came through the Libyan-Chadian borders".

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Source: Libya al-Yawm newspaper's website

Al-Qadhafi forces last week arrested some 1.250 people in Tripoli, "including female journalists".