

**Libya Domestic Media Monitoring Report
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State Media

23 August 2011

Source: Syria-based Al-Urubah TV

The channel broadcast a ticker with statements allegedly made by the government spokesman, Musa Ibrahim, saying NATO had cleared the way for the rebels to turn Tripoli into a “theatre of bloodshed”. He further called upon the tribes to fight at the government’s side. Calling the rebel fighters “ex-convicts”, he advised the citizens not to allow the rebels into their homes, accusing the fighters of using civilian homes as protection.

24 August 2011

Source: Al-Urubah TV

A speech by Qadhafi was broadcast in which he called upon the young people of Tripoli to “purge” the city of “rats, infidels and traitors.” The channel was also reporting victories of the army against the “NATO rebels” [comment: *apparently referring Libyan*

rebels, since NATO has no troops on the ground.] Nevertheless there were reports on the pro-Qadhafi station of the rebel raid on the leader's stronghold, Bab al-Aziziyah.

25 August 2011

Source: Al-Urubah TV

In a short audio address, Qadhafi is heard calling on the people of Tripoli to kill “the rats” in the streets and homes of the capital.

26 August

Source: Al-Urubah TV

The channel hosted a call-in program in which viewers expressed the necessity of allowing Algerians to cross the border and join the pro-Qadhafi fighters. It was suggested that Algerians should exert pressure on their government to open the border and allow fighters in.

Opposition/Non-State Media

23 August 2011

Source: Qatar-based Libya TV

The channel aired footage of rebels in control of the home of the leader, Qadhafi, after having entered the city of Tripoli by force.

25 August 2011

Source: Libya TV

The National Transitional Council broadcast its first press-conference from Tripoli, in which Oil and Finance Minister Ali Tarhuni explained that Libya will respect all its commitments to international agreements. He encouraged pro-Qadhafi fighters to lay down their arms, stating that they would not face danger in doing so.

Source: Libya TV

The station's call-in show characterized the situation in Tripoli as a "cautious lull" while nonetheless warning that residents should beware of walking in the streets due to the presence of pro-Qadhafi snipers.

Viewers were encouraged to donate blood, a call which echoes what is being said in other non-state media about the dwindling of medical resources in the country.

Finally, viewers were advised not to loot the Qadhafi compound because it is now the property of the Libyan people.

27 August 2011

Source: New Quryna

The opposition newspaper encouraged the people of Bani-Walid to take a position on the revolution. Almost exactly one month ago, state television had reported that the Wurfalli tribe would hold a demonstration in this town outside Tripoli in answer to Qadhafi's call to action (*see Libya Domestic Media Monitoring Report for July 26 to August 1*).

External and Other Media

August 2011

Source: Physicians for Human Rights

The group has produced a report listing various human rights violations that have occurred under Qadhafi. Representatives from the group based the report's findings on interviews and observations. Among the violations listed were:

- Civilians were coerced into acting as human shields
- The detention and torture of medical personnel, attacks on Red Crescent (similar to Red Cross) personnel, and summary execution of civilians
- Homes were destroyed and elderly residents abducted by government forces
- Military orders demonstrate that Qadhafi's forces may have deliberately starved residents of Misrata and blocked their access to humanitarian aid
- A witness reported that a school had been transformed into a detention center where women and girls were raped by pro-Qadhafi forces; Physicians for Human

Rights further reported that the impact of the rapes continued to reverberate in the form of honour killings

- A civilian reported that he and others had been detained and tortured by pro-Qadhafi forces over the course of days

30 August 2011

Source: Amnesty International (London)

Amnesty International reports that forces that had previously fought among the Qadhafi loyalists are increasingly at risk of attack in Tripoli. Abuses against black Libyans have been witnessed in the capital, with those carrying out the revenge attacks claiming that the former pro-Qadhafi fighters were being let off scot-free. These reports confirm fears that had previously been expressed by Human Rights Watch (see *Domestic Media Monitoring, August 16 to August 22.*) The National Transitional Council has tried to dissuade rebels from engaging in these abuses sending messages via cell phone text.

Source: Radio France Internationale

An ultimatum has been issued from the National Transitional Council to Qadhafi loyalists, demanding that they cease fighting or face an onslaught. The Council gave until Saturday (3 September) to find a peaceful solution to the conflict in the country.

Source: Radio Netherlands Worldwide

The rebel fighters have expressed their desire to see members of Qadhafi's family (among whom are women and children) returned to Libya from Algeria, in order to face trial in their homeland.