

**Libya Domestic Media Monitoring Report  
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- State newspapers have begun running recruiting advertisements for the military
- Opposition report the capture of high-ranking Qadhafi officer, suggest rebel victories are leading Qadhafi to recruit among youth
- These advertisements extend to text messages calling for “cleansing”.
- Captured Maj. Gen. to be questioned on human rights violations
- UN agencies report concerns over generalized shortages in Tripoli

**State Media**

21 July 2011

*Source: Al-Jamahiriyah TV*

In a speech, Qadhafi listed various ways in which he believed the rebels were destroying the city of Misrata, including destroying the infrastructure and industry, using children as human shields, raping and killing women, using civilian homes for defense, sending Libyan children to Europe to be Christianized. He argues that it is part of a conspiracy by a rebel leader to become the new head of Misrata as an administrative district. He called on families to liberate the city from “traitors and lunatics,” saying these people had to be “eliminated,” and that the masses would trample them. He also said he was offering an opportunity to the rebels to flee the country.

*Source: Al-Jamahiriyah TV*

The station broadcast what it alleges was a live speech by Qadhafi to a million-man march in Sirte, wherein he warned the rebels, whom he again referred to as traitors, to flee since the masses of Benghazi would show them no mercy, would not forgive them and would trample them.

*Source: Al-Jamahiriyah, Al-Shams and Al-Fajr al-Jadid Newspapers*

Identical full-page advertisements were placed in each of the three papers encouraging volunteers to enlist in the army and fight the “crusaders, gangs and traitors”, indicating that this was a duty of all Libyan men and women. The advertisements indicated that the salary offered was 1000 Dinars, would offer 2 weeks’ training and 6-12 months’ service, and that volunteers must be 18-30 years old.<sup>1</sup>

## **Opposition/Non-State Media**

22 July 2011

*Source: Libya-TV*

Libyan rebels have had success against Qadhafi, capturing Maj-Gen Abd-al-Nabih Zayid<sup>2</sup>. The report claimed that these rebel victories had been the reason why state TV was now trying to recruit youth to join Qadhafi’s forces.

## **External and Other Media**

21 July 2011

*Source: The Guardian* (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>)

The recruitment campaign by state media was not limited to newspapers, but also reached Libyans with the following text message, “the clock of action has struck. The time for cleansing has come.”

The article also covered the capture of Maj-Gen. Zayid, whom they are questioning over his role in actions in Misrata. The Maj-Gen. saw to the deployment of tanks in the city and the rebels believe he may have played a role in “widespread systematic attacks on civilians.”

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<sup>1</sup> See below, Libya-TV and also, The Guardian

<sup>2</sup> *The Guardian* also reported on the capture of the Maj. Gen., see below.

25 July 2011

*Source: UN News Service on AllAfrica.com*

There are worries, following a report by United Nations humanitarian agencies, that residents of Tripoli need humanitarian assistance. Injuries resulting from the conflict are compounded by fewer medical supplies and foreign medical assistance. Food is also a concern as costs rise and fears of dwindling supplies mount. Electricity and fuel are also increasingly difficult to secure.