

## Lybia Domestic Media Monitoring Report Covering 17 May – 23 May

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### State Media

22 May 11

*Source: Jana TV, Tripoli*

A meeting on the setting up of the committees for the defence of the country and the management of crises has been held in Tripoli over the last two days.

Media and social activists as well as intellectuals took part in this meeting which dealt with a number of issues and programmes on the defence of the country and the management of crises through the various political, economic, social, cultural, media and defence organisations in the face of the Crusader aggression and the reactionary agents which are trying to silence the voice of right and the conscience of the world.

The general coordinator of the committees for the defence of the country and the management of crises, the representatives of the national conference of the tribes and families of Libya's tribes and the representatives of the social people's organisations voiced their determination to continue the fight against the conspiracy of the enemies and their agents aimed at harming the Libyan people and undermining their sovereignty and social unity.

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*Source: Al-Libiyah and Al Jamahiriya TV*

At 0915, both channels showed "live" a conference of Libyan women, which began with chants of "God, Libya, Mu'ammr and no more" and "women want Mu'ammr the colonel". The women then unleashed their fury at "traitors and colonial crusaders".

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*Source: Al-Libiyah TV*

The channel occasionally reran footage of individuals captioned as "Confessions of one of the members of the criminal armed gangs in Misratah".

The state news agency Jana generally reflected Jamahiriyah TV, as usual, with the continuing theme of "martyrs" and "human shields".

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*Source: Al-Jamahiriyah and Al-Libiyah TV*

The channels showed fewer clips of Al-Qadhafi's earlier incendiary addresses (such as his 22 February "home by home, alley by alley" speech). Instead, images of Al-Qadhafi (often to music, no speech) have been included in patriotic video montages. More frequent are video sequences portraying the alleged suffering of civilians from NATO military action.

One such sequence on Al-Jamahiriyah on 19 May showed graphic images of corpses and other suffering with the emotive captions such as "Protection of civilians?" Another recurring montage on Al-Libiyah suggested in captions over photos of the Interim National Council members that "NATO rebels" had taken part in "bloodbaths", the letters dripping with blood.

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*Source: Al-Jamahiriyah TV*

Reports continued to play strongly on Islamic sentiments after the NATO air strike on Al-Burayqah that allegedly killed 11 "imams". The so-called social popular commands issued a joint statement criticizing NATO's targeting of "shaykhs, imams, preachers and those who have memorized the Koran".

### **Opposition/Privatey Owned Media**

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*Source: Benghazi-based newspaper Birniq*

The head of the Interim National Council (INC), Mahmud Jibril, said that the destruction caused in Libya's cities by the "bombardment of Mu'ammar al-Qadhafi's brigades" had reached 480bn dollars.