

Lybia Domestic Media Monitoring Report Covering 4 May – 9 May

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State Media

3 May 11

Source: Al-Jamahiriyah TV, Tripoli

Libyan Army marks two locations in Zintan for "handover of weapons"

"Military source: The armed forces urge armed groups that had decided to handover their weapons in Al-Zintan sha'biyah, that the headquarters of the martyr "Abd-el-Salam Sahban" brigade and the headquarters of the popular social command in Kaklah sha'biyah are the two locations for handing over weapons. It suffices to say, whoever hands in their weapons, are exempt from all legal procedures." Al-Jamahiriyah TV reported in a screen caption at 1720 gmt on 3 May.

6 May 11

Source: Media observation by BBC Monitoring

Libyan official media snub Rome meeting

The presenter on "Good morning First Jamahiriyah" encouraged her audience to ignore other channels and follow Al-Jamahiriyah TV the "truth channel". Her commentary focused on boosting morale by attacking "agents and traitors" and praising the "free Libyans who reject colonialism and shame".

7 May 11

Source: Al-Jamahiriyah TV, Tripoli

Libyan PM scathing about Contact Group, says Al-Qadhafi "grieving" for son

At a press conference in Tripoli at 1047 gmt on 7 May, the Libyan secretary of the General People's Committee (Prime Ministry), Baghdadi al-Mahmudi alleged that NATO had used uranium in its bombs, which, he said, had so far killed "thousands of civilians".

The Libyan prime minister said that Libya was "not in need of aid. Libya has one authority, one nation, one land, one homeland".

On the topic of Amnesty International's statement that "war crimes" had taken place in Misratah, Al-Mahmudi said: "Has Amnesty International visited Misratah to see this or did it get its information from the media? There are facts on the ground, and no-one can hide a crime. Any inspector can look into the facts. If there are signs of a crime this will be seen, and if there is, then we will look for a perpetrator. We shouldn't prejudge."

8 May 2011

Source: Al Libiyah TV

Libyan state media hail Yemeni, Syrian TVs for exposing Al-Jazeera "lies"

Al-Libiyah repeated yesterday's programmes, showing a "humanitarian face" of an Al-Qadhafi soldier handing water to "refugees from Misratah". The channel also continued attacks on Al-Arabiya and Al-Jazeera. A caller from Sirte denied a "report by Al-Jazeera" saying that Al-Qadhafi forces had shelled the house of his relatives in Misratah: "The house is that of my sister. It was shelled by rats in the centre of Misratah. The occupants of the house are a noble family who are with the brother leader."

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"Crusader" aggression shells civilian, military targets in Al-Jufrah - Libyan TV

Source: Libyan state Al-Jamahiriyah TV

A military source reported today that the Crusader, colonialist aggression had in the early hours of this morning [Monday, 9 May] bombed a number of civilian and military targets in Al-Jufrah sha'biyah [administrative division].

Opposition/Privatey Owned Media

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Source: Observations from Free Voice of Libya in Benghazi, Misratah

Observations from Free Voice of Libya in Benghazi, Misratah 8 May

Starting at 0840 gmt, the radio repeatedly broadcast patriotic and religious songs and anti-Al-Qadhafi rhetoric. It also carried several fatwas on the situation in Libya. "This oppressor is no longer the legitimate ruler of Libya, and therefore it is our religious duty to fight him and his rats that are killing Libyans and destroying the homeland."