

### May 11 State Department production

Apparently responsive to request for Clinton's recommendations regarding U.S. support to anti-Gaddafi forces. Complaint ¶ 122 (1).

### Notes—Bethany Stotts

The May 11 production does not directly connect to the Benghazi investigation, in that it provides information largely based upon news reports and about humanitarian efforts within Libya during the civil war there. It also provides news about the TNC's pursuit of weapons and weapons buyback program.

One major theme of the documents is the plight of the sub-Saharan African population under the Transitional National Council. Page 21 states,

“Further to media reports TNC allied forces and armed civilians were rounding up thousands of black Libyans and migrants from sub-Saharan Africa after accusing them of fighting for Col. Qadhafi, USAU notes that the AU emphasized the TNC needed to increase its efforts domestically and internationally to ensure these actions would not be tolerated.”

Clare has indicated that Arabs generally dislike blacks, and that it is not out of the ordinary for this group to have been targeted during a revolution.

I did find evidence in other books that indicated the TNC was sending Islamist militias to target sub-Saharan African populations. In this case, it was Libya Shield doing the killing. Libya Shield's commander, Wisam bin Hamid, was [seen fighting with Ansar al Sharia](#) and reportedly refused to provide assistance during the September 11, 2012 attacks.

From *The Jihadist Plot*, describing the actions of Hamid:

Contemporary reports in Arabic media, including the local Benghazi-based pro-rebellion media, identified Wisam bin Hamid as the commander of the rebel forces that laid siege to Sirte. This means that whether directly or indirectly, it was with bin Hamid that NATO command was coordinating its aerial operations. It also means that it was bin Hamid's men who seized and slaughtered Muammar al Qaddafi following the NATO bombardment on the morning of October 20, 2011.

... turned up in western news reports at the head of a so-called Libya Shield Brigade, which had been dispatched by Libya's interim government from Benghazi to remote Kufra, deep in the Sahara nearly 600 miles to the South. The ostensible purpose of the deployment was to quell unrest that had broken out between a local Arab tribe, the Zuwayya, and a black African tribe, the Toubou. In a June 30 French-language AFP report, Hamid's brigade was even described as a "peace-keeping force."

But Wisam bin Hamid is an odd sort of "peacekeeper." Only weeks earlier, the very same AFP reported that his forces were pounding Toubou neighborhoods of the city with heavy artillery. Tribal chief Issa Abdelmajid accused the brigade of trying to "exterminate" the Toubou. The hostility of the Libya Shield forces to the Toubou might have its roots in *Takfiri* ideology. Although the Toubou have been Islamized in recent times, they reportedly continue to mix their version of Islam with many pre-Islamic animist beliefs and practices.

... A report from a Norwegian NGO notes that even after a ceasefire had been negotiated in Kufra, "Libyan Shield militiamen drove around town flying the Prophet Mohammed's black flag of jihad from their vehicles' aerals. The allusion to the "Prophet Mohammed's black flag of jihad" is a euphemism... Libya Shield forces fly the modern flags of jihad."

There is one mention of the February 17 Martyrs Brigade on page 26, which states, "Ismail Salabi, an Islamist commander in the anti-Qadhafi February 17 Brigade, called for the TNC to resign, media report."

Other quotes from the FOIA production include "A stash of Russian-made surface-to-air missiles is missing from a Tripoli weapons warehouse. Witnesses report TNC fighters and others stole the armaments" (page 31) and "The TNC will initiate a weapons buyback program once Libya is fully under TNC control" (page 42).

However, I would say that most of the information within this production remains background information. Most, if not all, of it is derived from news reports and non-governmental organization reports.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

MAY 11 2015

Case No.: F-2014-03625

Segment: EAN-0001, EAN-0003, EAN-0004,  
& EAN-0005

John H. Clarke, Esq.  
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Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Clarke:

I refer you to our letter dated March 10, 2015, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. §552.

The search of the Central Foreign Policy Records is partially complete and has resulted in the retrieval of eight documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these eight documents we have determined that five may be released in full and that three documents may be released in part. All released material is enclosed.

Where documents are released to you in part, all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. An enclosure provides information on FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material.

We will keep you advised as your case progresses. If you have any questions, please contact Trial Attorney Megan Crowley at (202) 305-0754 or at [Megan.A.Crowley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Megan.A.Crowley@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

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John F. Hackett, Acting Director  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

**FOIA Exemptions**

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

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| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

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(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

**Other Grounds for Withholding**

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Archie Bolster, Senior  
Reviewer

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Senator Corker:

Thank you for your letter of April 14 regarding the State Department's effort to assist the coalition and support the people of Libya. The past three months have demonstrated Colonel Qadhafi's unrelenting efforts to kill those who wish to instill democracy in Libya and the use of barbarous, indiscriminant bombing of cities and vital civilian infrastructure. These acts further delegitimize Qadhafi as a leader of the Libyan people.

The State Department is working to ensure the coalition remains united behind the goal of protecting the people of Libya. We continue to work closely with coalition and regional governments to isolate Qadhafi and create support for the opposition. This effort includes the termination of diplomatic status for Libyan diplomats still supporting the regime and the freezing of all regime assets. As the situation evolves, we continue to evaluate further options to increase pressure on Qadhafi to step down. We are also considering options to provide the opposition the financial wherewithal it needs to support itself.

Along with looking at multiple ways to increase pressure on the Qadhafi regime, the State Department is looking at better ways to provide humanitarian assistance to civilians in conflict areas. We are assessing options for assistance we could provide to the Libyan people and are consulting directly with the opposition and our international partners. Some aid has been identified; the President directed up to \$25 million in non-lethal items from U.S. government stocks, including medical supplies, uniforms, boots, tents, personal protective gear, and prepackaged rations.

We continue working with the international community to determine the best way to support the Transitional National Council (TNC) in meeting its financial needs. The May 5 Libya Contact Group meeting in Rome endorsed the creation of a Temporary Financial Mechanism, which will help facilitate and coordinate financial assistance. Additionally, the United States is providing \$53.5 million in humanitarian assistance to support people affected by the crisis.

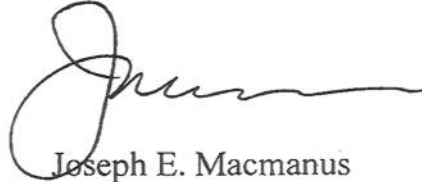
The Honorable  
Bob Corker,  
United States Senate.

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Chris Stevens, U.S. Envoy to the TNC, remains in Benghazi and continues to hold productive meetings with high-level members of the TNC. In addition to Secretary Clinton's meetings with TNC leadership, Mr. Stevens regularly meets with senior TNC leaders to better understand the steps they are undertaking to build a democracy based on universal principles of respect for human rights and rule of law. While we are working closely with the TNC, we also continue to meet with a broad spectrum of Libyans involved in the opposition writ large.

Thank you again for your interest and support for Libya. Please do not hesitate to contact us again if we can be of further assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Macmanus', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Joseph E. Macmanus  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Legislative Affairs

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# Congressional Correspondence

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FROM: Joseph E. Macmanus (H)

APR 14 2011

**Recommendation**

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signature to the \_\_\_\_\_ bureau

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signature by Joseph E.  
Macmanus Acting Assistant  
Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide copy of H signed  
response

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# United States Senate

April 14, 2011

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

The Honorable Robert M. Gates  
Secretary of Defense  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Clinton and Secretary Gates,

It has now been nearly one month since the United States first engaged in coalition operations in Libya. Since that time, there has been relatively infrequent information sharing with the Congress regarding the full scope of U.S. involvement in the conflict. Administration officials have assured Congress that the United States was playing only a supporting role in ongoing operations in Libya, and those operations did not include kinetic operations. Yesterday, April 13, 2011, it was revealed during a Pentagon briefing that three U.S. aircraft assigned to NATO had fired ordnance. This seems contradictory to the information we have previously received and is an example of the disconnect between Congress and the administration on the nature of the U.S. role in Libya. To that end, I ask that you provide the following:

- (1) A full accounting of U.S. assets assigned to the mission and how they are being utilized.
- (2) Requests the U.S. has received from coalition partners and Libyan opposition forces for materiel and support – both fulfilled and denied.
- (3) The contents of additional U.S. offers of assistance.
- (4) Plans to offer additional assistance to Libyan opposition forces.
- (5) All meetings that the administration has engaged in with coalition partners, the Libya contact group and the Libyan opposition forces to discuss the operations and political future of Libya.

I thank you for your service to our country, and I look forward to your prompt reply to my request.

Sincerely,

BOB CORKER  
United States Senator

**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Archie Bolster, Senior Reviewer**

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SUBJECT: DART DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR LIBYA  
COMPLEX EMERGENCY

REF: A) STATE 019996 B) STATE 026246 C) STATE 041233

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. BACKGROUND: SINCE MID-FEBRUARY, LIBYAN SECURITY FORCES HAVE EMPLOYED INCREASINGLY VIOLENT MEASURES TO SUBDUCE PROTESTS, RESULTING IN MORE THAN 600,000 INDIVIDUALS FLEEING TO NEIGHBORING EGYPT, TUNISIA, NIGER, CHAD, AND ALGERIA. ON FEBRUARY 28, USAID STAFF BEGAN ARRIVING IN THE REGION TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND COORDINATE A HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE, AND USAID/OFDA ACTIVATED A WASHINGTON, D.C.-BASED RESPONSE MANAGEMENT TEAM.

2. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS DEPLOYED A DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TEAM (DART) TO LIBYA AND TUNISIA. EFFECTIVE MAY 22, 2011, HARLAN HALE IS APPOINTED TO SERVE AS THE DART TEAM LEADER FOR THE LIBYA COMPLEX EMERGENCY RESPONSE. MR. HALE IS BASED IN LIBYA WITH TRAVEL TO THE OTHER REGIONAL COUNTRIES AS NEEDED. NICK COX IS SERVING AS THE DEPUTY TEAM LEADER FOR THE TUNISIA TEAM.

3. THE DART TEAM LEADER IS SPECIFICALLY TASKED WITH CARRYING OUT FIELD OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 491 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED. RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, (1) ORGANIZING AND DIRECTING FIELD



ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES, (2) LIAISING WITH THE US MILITARY, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND NATIONAL, BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH THE DISASTER RESPONSE ACTIVITIES, (3) MONITORING OF RESPONSE ACTIVITIES, (4) IDENTIFYING UNMET NEEDS, (5) COORDINATING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT (USG) RESPONSE TO THE DISASTER, AND (6) RECOMMENDING TO USAID/W, USAID MISSIONS, AND US EMBASSIES APPROPRIATE INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS UNMET NEEDS.

4. THE DART GOALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

-- A. CONTINUE ASSESSING AND DETERMINING AREAS OF GREATEST NEED.

-- B. SUPPORT APPROPRIATE HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTIONS, TO SAVE LIVES, REDUCE SUFFERING, AND MITIGATE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS EMERGENCY.

5. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE ABOVE GOALS, THE USAID/DART WILL:

-- A. ENGAGE THE HUMANITARIAN COMMUNITY (OTHER DONORS, UN AGENCIES, AND NGOS) TO DETERMINE AND SHAPE THE REPORTING OF AND RESPONSE TO THE COMPLEX EMERGENCY.

-- B. PARTICIPATE IN RELEVANT MULTILATERAL PLANNING MEETINGS AND MAKE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS AS PART OF A MULTI-DONOR RESPONSE.

-- C. PROVIDE REGULAR SITUATION REPORTS ON HUMANITARIAN CONDITIONS, RELIEF OPERATIONS, AND TRENDS.

-- D. ADVISE WHEN THE DART MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED.

6. MR. HALE WILL WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE US SPECIAL ENVOY. MR. HALE WILL ALSO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE RESPONSE DIRECTOR, USAID/OFFICE OF U.S. FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (USAID/OFDA) DIRECTOR MARK BARTONLINI, AND WILL RECEIVE REGULAR GUIDANCE AND FEEDBACK ON ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESPONSE DIRECTOR. THE DART TEAM LEADER'S PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT IN USAID/W WILL BE THE RMT RESPONSE MANAGER. THE DART TEAM LEADER WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN A DAILY RESPONSE PLANNING CALL (RPC) WHICH WILL BE CONVENED BY THE RMT RESPONSE MANAGER AND WILL INCLUDE THE RESPONSE DIRECTOR, TO SET THE OVERALL STRATEGY FOR THE RESPONSE.

7. IT IS CRITICAL THAT ALL DART STAFF UNDERSTAND, AND ADHERE TO, THE DART ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTING LINES. STAFF SERVING ON THE DART ARE TO REPLACE THEIR REGULAR, DAILY LINES OF SUPERVISION AND REPORTING WITH THOSE DESCRIBED BELOW:

-- A. EACH COUNTRY IN WHICH THE DART HAS A PRESENCE WILL BE LED BY A DART DEPUTY TEAM LEADER. EACH DART DEPUTY TEAM LEADER WILL REPORT TO THE DART TEAM LEADER.

-- B. EACH DART TEAM MEMBER WILL REPORT TO THE DEPUTY TEAM LEADER FOR THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY ARE OPERATING.

8. THE DART WILL COORDINATE ALL MEDIA CONTACTS THROUGH A DESIGNATED USAID PRESS OFFICER OR US EMBASSY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER AND IN COORDINATION WITH THE PRESS OFFICER ON THE RMT. THE RMT SHOULD BE INFORMED OF INTERVIEWS AND/OR FILMING OF USAID/DART MEMBERS OR SPOKESPERSONS.

9. THE DART SHOULD INFORM THE RESPONSE DIRECTOR AND RMT RESPONSE MANAGER IMMEDIATELY IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR: AN INQUIRY FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, WHITE HOUSE OR WHITE HOUSE STAFF; AN INQUIRY FROM THE USAID AND/OR DCHA FRONT OFFICE; AN URGENT OR SERIOUS CONCERN RAISED BY THE US AMBASSADOR; OR SERIOUS THREAT OR INJURY / DEATH OF US RESPONSE PERSONNEL.

10. MR. HALE WILL CARRY OUT RESPONSE ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH USAID/OFDA'S MANDATE, WHICH IS TO SAVE LIVES, REDUCE HUMAN SUFFERING, AND MITIGATE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NATURAL AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS. IN ADDITION, ALL APPLICABLE USAID RULES AND POLICIES WILL BE OBSERVED. THIS DELEGATION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE COMMITMENT OR OBLIGATION OF FUNDS.

11. AS DART TEAM LEADER, MR. HALE WILL SET A TONE OF FULL COOPERATION AND COLLEGIALLY WITH THE SPECIAL ENVOY IN BENGHAZI, USAID/EGYPT, AND THE US EMBASSY IN TUNIS. IT IS CRITICAL TO THE DART'S SUCCESS THAT ALL STAFF MEMBERS UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE SERVING ON A TEAM THAT REPRESENTS ALL OF THE USG. THE DART WILL THEREFORE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE SPECIAL ENVOY IN BENGHAZI, USAID/EGYPT, THE US EMBASSY IN TUNIS AND THE RMT IN DETERMINING ACTIONS. A CONSENSUS-BASED DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WILL BE USED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.  
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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Archie Bolster, Senior Reviewer

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REF: A) 11 TUNIS 0813 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL);

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Summary

1. (SBU) Between May 29 and June 4, a UN interagency mission traveled to Tripoli and visited Homs, Zlitan, and Gharyan towns in



western Libya to assess humanitarian conditions and advance negotiations for increased humanitarian access. The team concluded that fuel shortages remain the most acute need, while dwindling food stocks and medical supplies are growing concerns. The UN continues to negotiate for greater humanitarian access to western Libya, particularly the Nafusah Mountains, the area the team deemed most in need of humanitarian assistance. End summary.

#### Background

2. (SBU) On May 29, an 11-person interagency team, including UN Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) Panos Moutziz and staff from the International Organization for Migration and four UN agencies, traveled to Tripoli to assess humanitarian conditions in western Libya. The HC also met with Qadhafi government officials to advance negotiations for increased humanitarian access. While the HC left the mission on May 31 following the team's visits to Homs and Zlitan, the rest of the team remained in western Libya until June 4 to conduct additional assessments. This team was the second UN humanitarian delegation to travel to Tripoli since attacks on UN buildings in the city in early May.

3. (U) On June 1, the HC briefed donor representatives based in Tunisia, including the U.S. Government (USG) Libya Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), on the mission's preliminary findings. The HC provided a similar briefing to U.S. Special Envoy Chris Stevens and the DART leader in Benghazi the next day. On June 7, the team leader of the UN interagency mission - who assumed the role upon the HC's departure - briefed the DART and other donor representatives in Tunisia on the mission's assessment findings and shared copies of the team's final report.

#### Mission Observations

4. (SBU) The mission concluded that fuel shortages remain the most significant concern in western Libya, hampering movements and thereby limiting access to and provision of services. The team also noted that medical supplies and food stocks appear to be dwindling, and that supply levels risk becoming critically low if not replenished soon. The mission emphasized that internally displaced persons (IDPs) located in the Nafusah Mountains urgently require humanitarian assistance, including food, healthcare, medical supplies, and hygiene kits.

5. (SBU) The HC noted that several people among the local population expressed feelings that the humanitarian community has neglected their needs, as humanitarian assistance has primarily been directed towards Misratah and other opposition-controlled areas. The HC remarked to the DART in Tunisia that one objective of the mission was to reinforce the neutrality and impartiality of the U.N. and the humanitarian community.

6. (SBU) In meetings with the UN interagency team, Qadhafi government officials expressed their reluctance to accept humanitarian assistance from other countries, frequently stating



their preference that the UN utilize the government's frozen funds to purchase relief items, noting Libya as a donor country. The officials also expressed frustration that sanctions have hindered the government's ability to provide food, medicines, and other basic goods to its citizens.

7. (SBU) The UN interagency team reported that the Qadhafi government is providing assistance to IDPs. Interviewed IDPs indicated receiving approximately 100 to 200 Libyan dinars (LD) per month in support from the government, out of the promised 500 LD per month. (Note: The IDPs reporting receipt of this assistance were located in Qadhafi-controlled areas. The government assistance does not necessarily apply to IDPs in opposition-controlled areas. End note.)

#### Fuel Shortages

8. (SBU) The mission observed acute gasoline shortages in western Libya, although the problem appeared most significant in Tripoli. People are queuing at petrol stations for an average of three days, with some people waiting in line for up to ten days to purchase fuel. The Qadhafi government has designated certain petrol stations for specific populations, such as women and taxi drivers, in order to reduce the potential for security incidents.

#### Health

9. (SBU) Ministry of Health (MOH) officials and medical staff interviewed by the UN interagency team reported shortages of vaccines, chronic disease medications, and functioning dialysis machines. MOH officials indicated that shortages result from the Qadhafi government's inability to access funds to purchase medical supplies, as well as sanctions that inhibit the procurement of medical supplies. In efforts to address the shortages, the MOH requested that the UN World Health Organization take delivery of MOH-ordered medical supplies that remain undelivered due to the sanctions and distribute the items throughout the country as needed, according to the HC. Interviewed health authorities also expressed concern regarding the temporary cessation of health awareness campaigns due to insecurity.

#### Food Concerns

10. (SBU) The mission indicated that the Qadhafi government likely has sufficient food stocks for five to ten weeks; however, steps to replenish food stocks should be taken soon, as procurement and delivery can take multiple weeks. The Libyan Minister of Trade reported that no new procurement of food is occurring due to the government's inability to access funds, as well as the suspension of existing contracts due to the sanctions in place. Supplies of sugar and cooking oil are particularly low, according to the Qadhafi government's Price Stabilization Fund, which is responsible for setting food prices and distributing food rations. The UN interagency team also found significant shortages of baby formula in western Libya, noting that prices are now five times higher than

pre-conflict levels.

#### Population Movements

11. (SBU) Unverified reports estimate that 49,000 people have fled Misratah westward, with the majority currently residing in Zlitan. The UN interagency team visited sites sheltering Libyan IDPs in Zlitan and Homs, including the dormitories of a cement factory in Zlitan housing approximately 400 people, as well as a hospital, university compound, youth hostel, and resort located in Homs. No migrants were reported to be among the IDPs, according to the HC.

12. (SBU) The UN and the Libyan Red Crescent estimate that significant numbers of people are displaced within towns in the Nafusah Mountains, although preliminary figures remain unconfirmed. (Note: Census figures indicate that approximately 200,000 people resided in the Nafusah Mountains prior to the conflict. End note.) In Gharyan, the UN interagency team visited IDPs residing at the Rabta Hotel and the Rabta Scout office. The mission encountered mostly women and children, some of whom had travelled as many as five days to reach Gharyan.

#### Access and Security

13. (SBU) Although escorted by members of the Qadhafi government during the entire mission, the UN interagency team reported having adequate space to conduct assessments. The team experienced no significant insecurity during the mission, reporting that the Qadhafi government appeared able to maintain control over the security situation in all visited areas.

14. (SBU) Although the UN interagency team was scheduled to visit Qadhafi government-controlled areas of the Nafusah Mountains, the team leader reported that North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) air strikes prevented the group from traveling from Gharyan westward to Gawalish as planned. Instead, the team conducted assessments in accessible areas of Gharyan.

#### Next Steps

15. (SBU) The HC is working to secure additional humanitarian access in western Libya, with priority placed on the Nafusah Mountains.

16. (SBU) The HC had requested that a team travel from Tunisia through the Dahiba border crossing this week to assess areas of the Nafusah Mountains controlled by opposition forces. Renewed fighting at the Dahiba crossing delayed the team's trip, which is currently scheduled to take place the week of June 13. (Note: Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) delivering medical assistance have reportedly resumed crossing through Dahiba into Libya. End note.)

17. (SBU) Although initially rejecting the presence of NGOs in Qadhafi-controlled Libya, the Qadhafi government has now agreed to

discuss criteria for the admission of NGOs from non-NATO countries.

18. (SBU) During the mission, the Qadhafi government granted permission to UN agencies to utilize the undamaged port and nearby warehouses in Homs as a hub for humanitarian operations. As a test, the UN World Food Program shipped food for IDPs in the area of Homs and Zlitan to the Homs port this week. Access to the port also potentially opens the route to Gharyan and the Nafusah Mountains.

19. (SBU) Since the beginning of the month, humanitarian organizations have been preparing to conduct aid distributions in the Nafusah Mountains in anticipation of increased humanitarian access and subsequent indications of need. USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance health grantees already operating in opposition-controlled areas of the Nafusah Mountains have reported pre-positioning medical and other relief supplies in hospitals and humanitarian warehouses in several mountain-top towns. Other humanitarian agencies are reportedly making similar preparations with other non-medical relief items.

Comment

20. (SBU) While the UN interagency assessment serves as a good starting point for the identification of humanitarian needs in western Libya, the validity of the information gathered - particularly from Qadhafi government officials - should be scrutinized. The HC and team leader noted, however, that technical discussions with the MOH and other health authorities did seem apolitical. While Qadhafi government representatives accompanying the mission did not overtly interfere with assessments, the possibility that they influenced the areas visited or the people interviewed cannot be overlooked. The UN, humanitarian agencies, and the DART continues to triangulate information. The full picture of needs will not be known until access improves, and these needs could change significantly as the conflict continues. End comment.

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| Ruiz, Domingo    | 8/9/2011              |
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| Saari, Jeremiah  | 8/13/2011*            |
| White, Frank     | 8/25/2011             |
| Polaschik, Joan  | 9/15/2011             |
| Garrett, Camara  | 8/14/2011*, 9/12/2011 |
| Kaster, Erica    | 8/14/2011*, 9/18/2011 |

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| William Mincks   | 7/24/2011                                   |
| Chris Stevens    | 8/5/2011                                    |
| Mike Ranger      | 8/5/2011                                    |
| Patrick Tillou   | 8/7/2011                                    |
| Jack Van Cleve   | 8/5/2011                                    |

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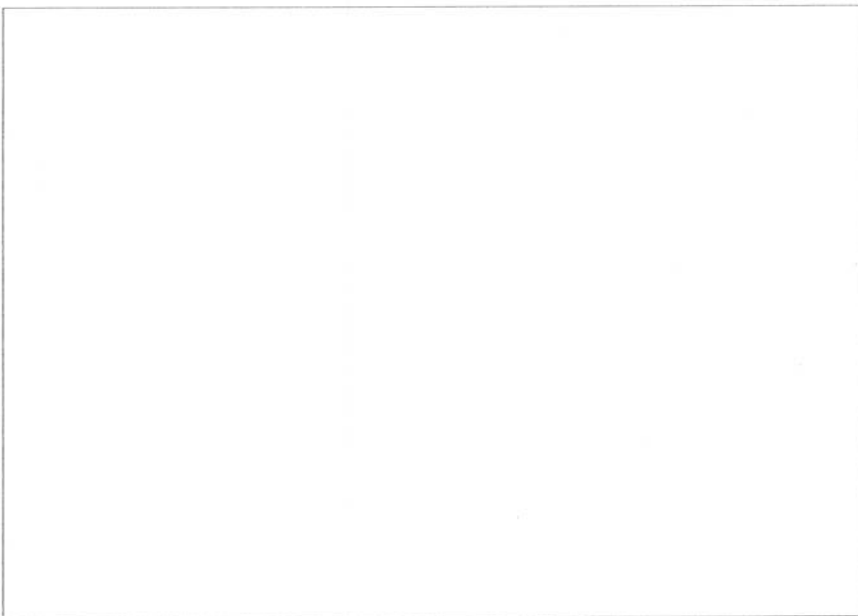
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2. (SBU) NEA Assistant Secretary Feltman visited Benghazi May 22-24.

He held separate meetings with Transitional National Council (TNC) Chairman Mutafa Abdul Jalil; members of the Council; and TNC ministers-equivalent of Finance, Economy, Defense, Reconstruction and Interior, as well as Deputy Prime Minister Essawi and Military Chief of Staff Abdul Fattah Yunis al-Obeidi. Feltman met a broad array of civil society activists at a lunch hosted by Essawi and an NGO roundtable organized by the Envoy's office.

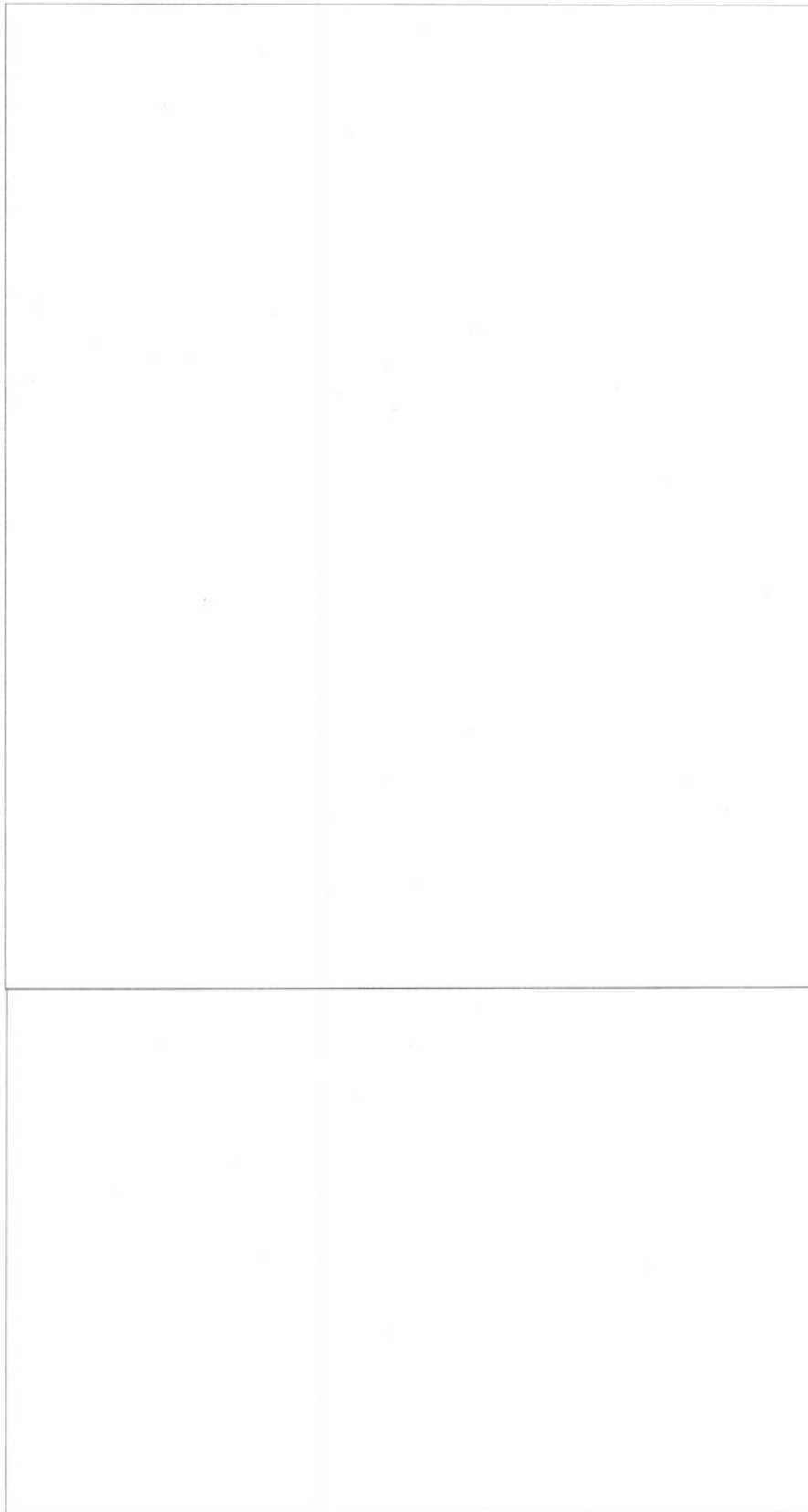
Jalil and the Council

3. (SBU) TNC Chairman Jalil said the Council was deeply grateful for the United States' support. He briefed A/S Feltman on the Council's vision for a democratic Libya, laying out its commitment to hold elections, respect universal human rights principles, and develop the country in a fully transparent way. He welcomed the oral message from POTUS, saying it gave "new breath" to the Council's struggle to liberate Libya. (The Council, which Feltman met separately, burst into spontaneous applause upon hearing the message.) Jalil also expressed great appreciation for POTUS' May 19 speech on the Middle East, commenting that the speech had laid the groundwork for "excellent" relations between the U.S. and the Middle East.

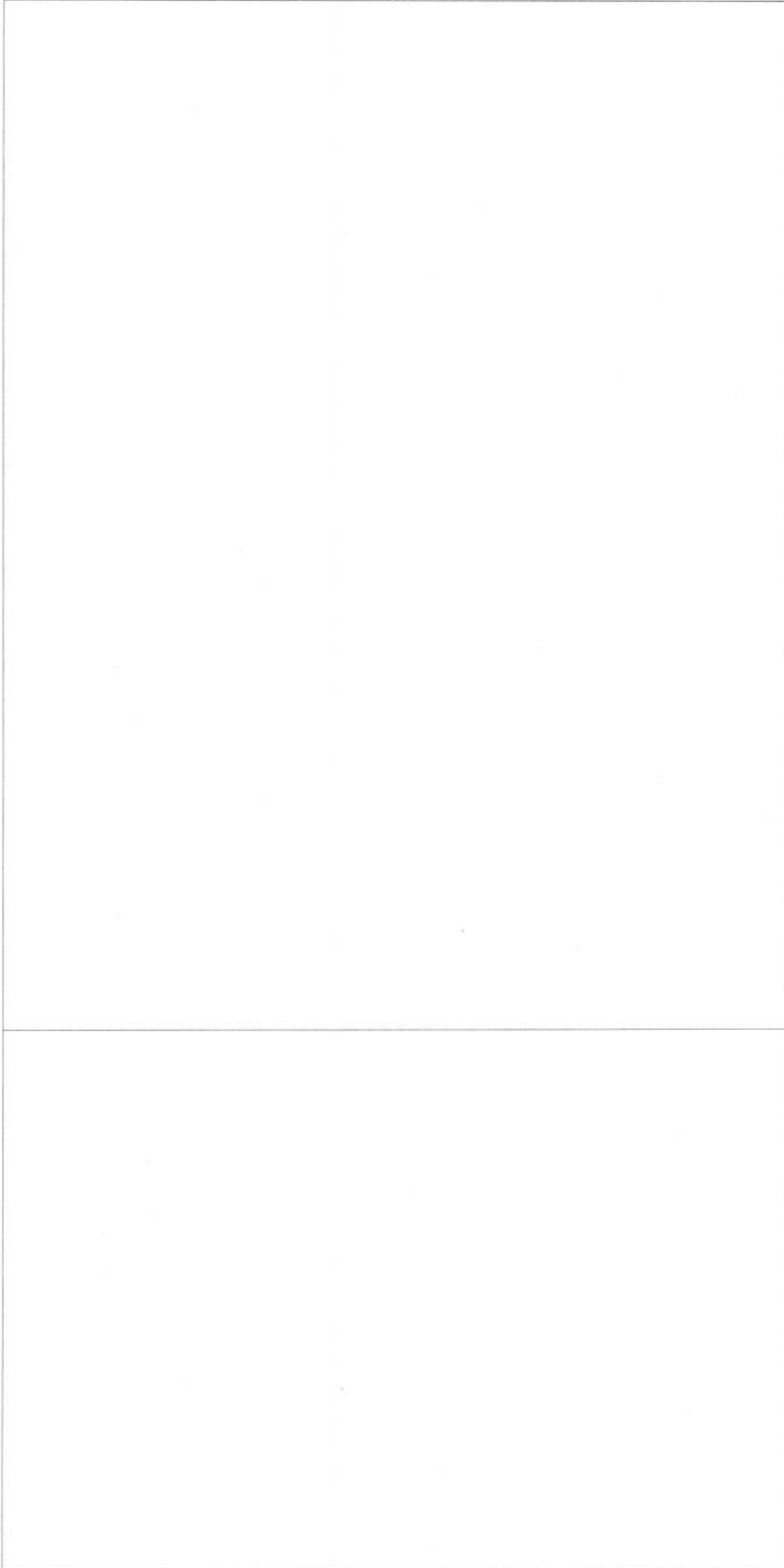




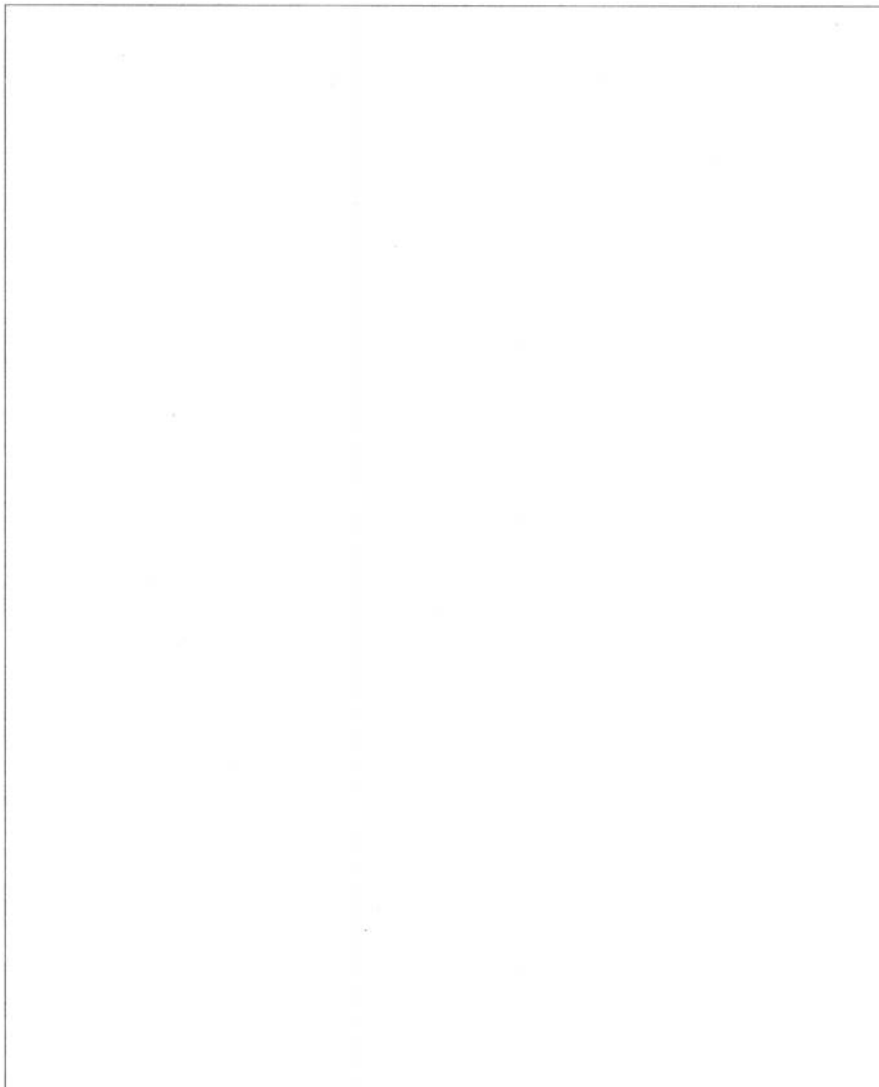
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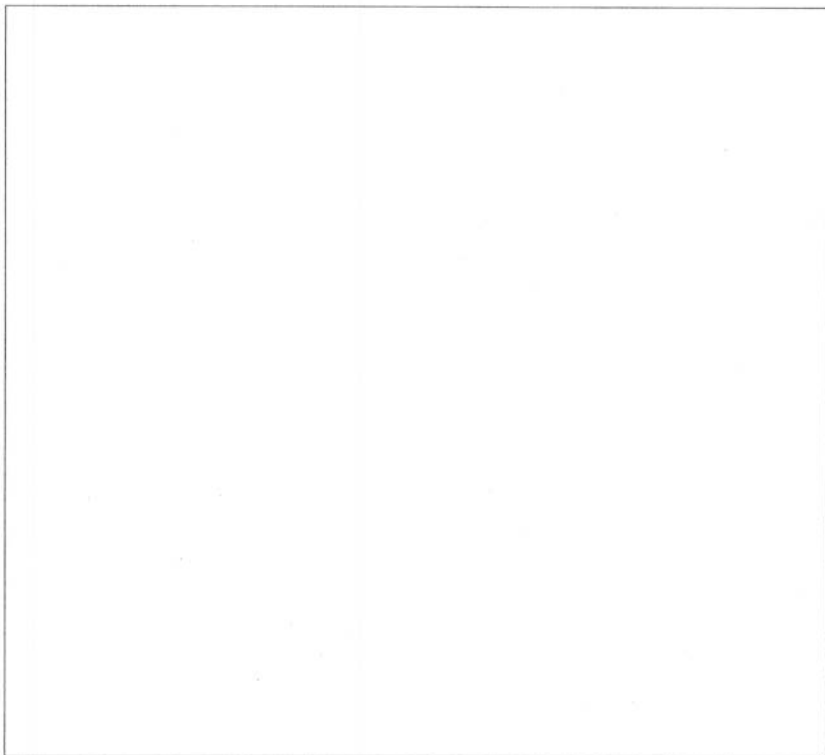
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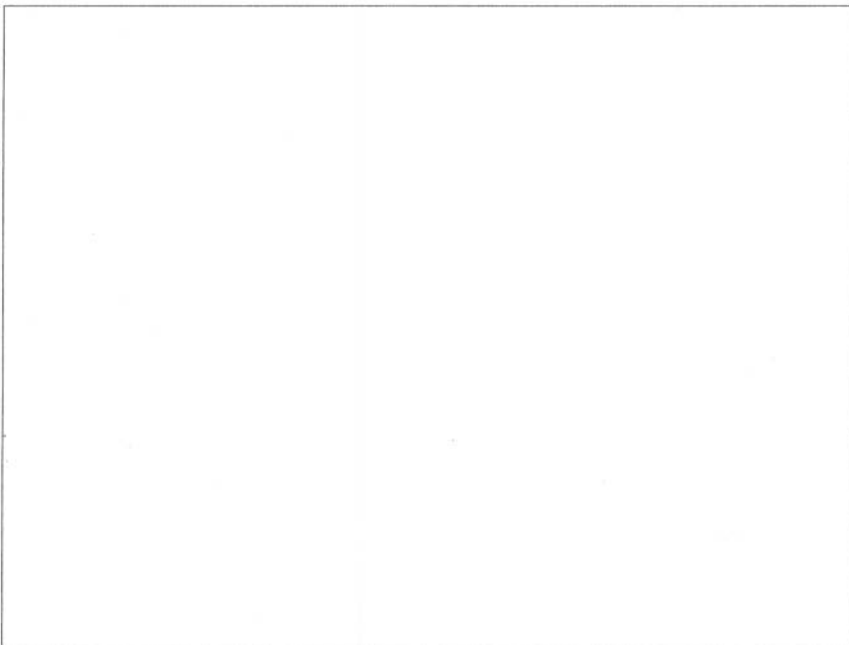


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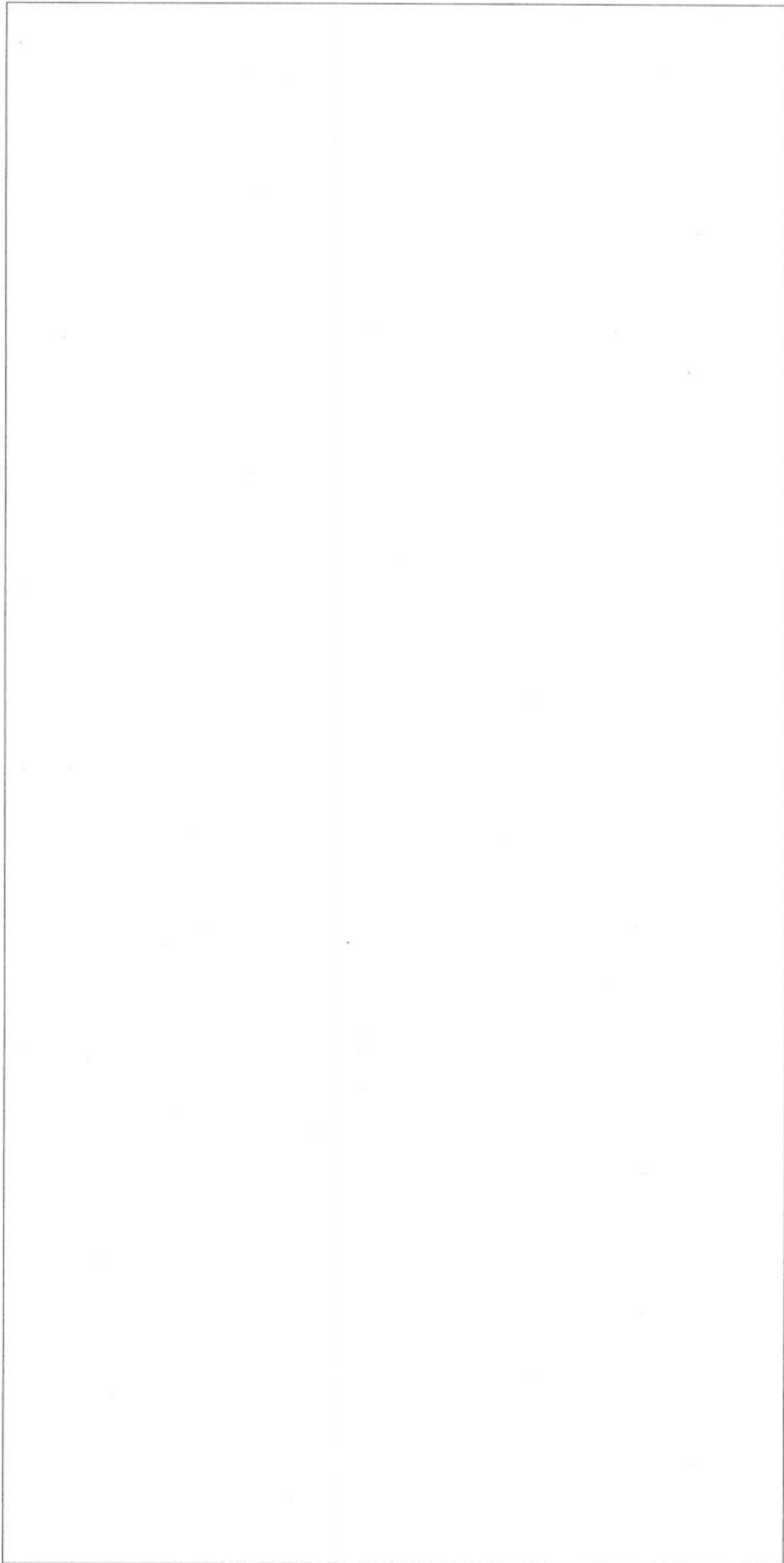


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2. (SBU) On August 20, Assistant Secretary Jeffrey Feltman met with TNC Chairman Mustafa Abd al-Jalil in the TNC's headquarters in Benghazi. Also attending the meeting were US Representative Chris Stevens, NSS Director Benjamin Fishman, and NEA/MAG Director William Roebuck for the USG and Deputy Foreign Minister Salah Bishari for the TNC.

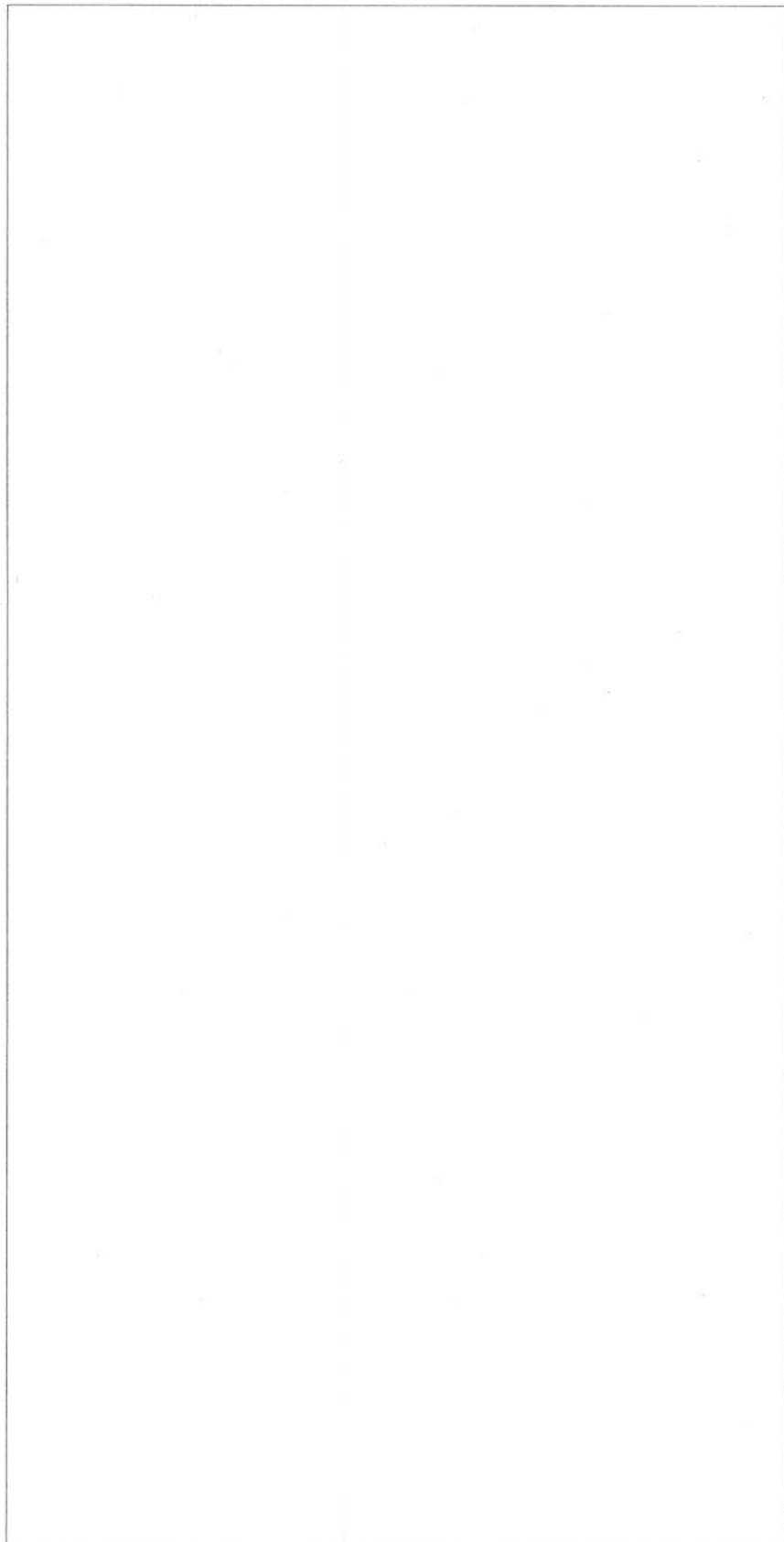


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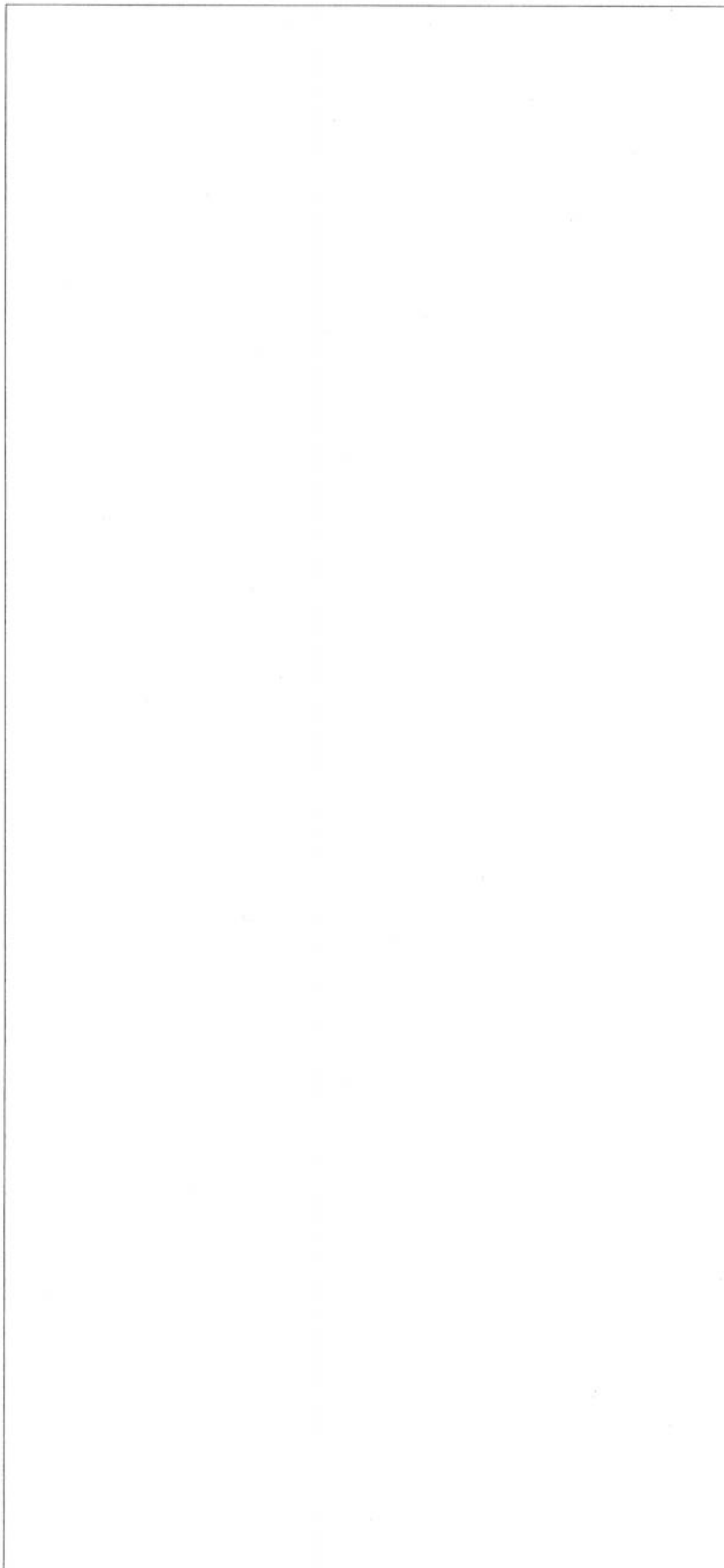


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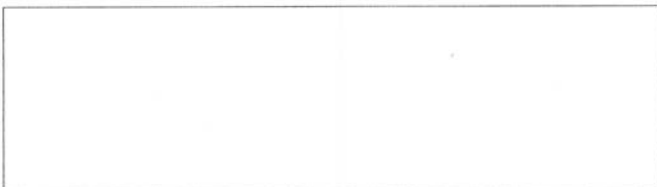
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1. (U) Transitional National Council (TNC) Prime Minister Jibril held his first press conference in Tripoli in which he called on all Libyans to unite behind the TNC, media report. Warning the fight against the former regime was not yet over, Jibril said Libyans should wait until after an interim government is in place and a constitution drafted before engaging in "political games." Jibril added he would not seek a position in the elected government. (Al Jazeera)

2. (SBU) TNC Chairman Jalil remains in Benghazi. (TFLY03/Office of the Special Envoy to the Libyan Transitional National Council e-mail)



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4. (SBU) Loyalist forces fired rockets at opposition fighters near Bani Walid, media report. The Office of the Special Envoy to the Libyan TNC comments negotiations in Bani Walid and Sirte remain at a standstill. There is speculation the two towns might host significant regime figures, including Col. Qadhafi and his sons. (TFLY03/Office of the Special Envoy to the Libyan Transitional National Council e-mail, AP)

5. (SBU) International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutor Moreno-Ocampo will ask Interpol to issue red notice arrest warrants for Qadhafi, son Saif al-Islam, and former intelligence chief Abdullah al-Sanussi. The Office of War Crimes Issues comments the red notices allow previously issued arrest warrants to be circulated worldwide. In case of an attempted border crossing,

border authorities are expected to notify the ICC.  
(TFLY03/Office of War Crimes Issues telcon, Reuters)

6. (U) The TNC is drafting a proposal to commercialize the National Oil Corporation. (Reuters)

7. (U) The new governor of Libya's central bank said the former regime sold approximately 20 percent of the country's gold reserves, valued at \$1.4 billion, to local traders to pay government salaries during the uprising. (AP)

8. (U) TNC Interior Health Minister Barakat said at least 30,000 people have been killed and 50,000 wounded during the conflict. The TNC will ask Libyans next week to report dead and missing relatives to their local mosques in an effort to count casualties. (AP)

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9? (SBU) Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan will visit Libya September 15. (Ankara 1441)



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12. (U) In a letter to UNSC President Salam, UNSYG Ban proposed an integrated UN Support Mission in Libya for an initial period of three months. The mission's scope would include political, electoral, human rights, transitional justice, public security, and rule of law engagement. (TFLY03/USUN New York e-mail)



14. (U) NATO SYG Rasmussen said its Libya mission will continue as long as the threat remains to the population from Qadhafi loyalist forces. (Reuters)

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15. (SBU) UN Special Envoy for Post-Conflict Planning in Libya Martin said the situation for Sub-Saharan Africans has improved in recent days, with fewer detentions and efforts by the TNC to consolidate and formalize detention centers. TNC officials agreed to set up a legal review process for detainees. (TFLY03/Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs e-mail)
16. (SBU) The UN Humanitarian Air Service plans to begin flying into Tripoli's Mitiga Air Base on September 11. (TFLY03/USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance e-mail)
17. (U) For additional information, please see the attached LIBYA: Supplemental Humanitarian Update #112.

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KEY MESSAGES  
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18. (SBU) Protection Remains Priority Humanitarian Concern: On September 8, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that protection remains the U.N.'s priority humanitarian concern in Libya, as migrants from sub-Saharan African countries and Libyans of sub-Saharan African descent continue to report attacks, harassment, and detentions.
19. (SBU) Humanitarian Coordination Moves to Tripoli: OCHA has reported plans to end cluster meetings-the coordination meetings for humanitarian activities in Libya-in Zarzis, Tunisia, by the end of September, as relief agencies are currently relocating most operations to Tripoli. Some cluster meetings have already begun in Tripoli.
20. (SBU) U.N. Prepares for Final Humanitarian Activities in Libya: OCHA noted that the U.N. is preparing a 90-day action plan, which will outline final humanitarian activities and early recovery programs in Libya. The 90-day action plan will supplement a 30-day action plan that OCHA plans to release in the coming days.
21. (SBU) IOM Exploring Land Evacuations: The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is currently assessing security conditions on the coastal road between Tripoli and Ra's Ajdir for the evacuation of third-country nationals (TCNs) to Tunisia. As of September 8, IOM no longer had plans to evacuate individuals from Tripoli to Benghazi via boat, as most





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22. (SBU) Tripoli and Nafusah Mountains Remain Accessible by Road; UNHAS to Begin Flights into Tripoli: The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reported that the roads connecting Tunisia to Tripoli and the Nafusah Mountains through the Ra's Ajdir and Dahiba border crossings remained clear as of September 7. Due to congestion at Tripoli's port-which also remains accessible-WFP plans to transport additional water supplies procured by the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) from Sfax, Tunisia, to Tripoli via the coastal road from Ra's Ajdir. WFP also plans to transport 600 metric tons (MT) of food supplies into Libya by September 11 to prepare for any potential needs.

23. (SBU) The U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) is scheduled to begin flights to Mitiga air base, outside Tripoli's city center, on September 11.

24. (SBU) WFP Transports 23 MT of Medicine to Tripoli: As of September 7, WFP had transported 23 MT of U.N. World Health Organization-provided medicine via refrigerated trucks from Tunisia to Tripoli. WFP had delayed the transport of the supplies in late August due to a temporary lack of skilled drivers.

25. (SBU) OCHA to Conduct Interagency Mission to Brega: On September 8, OCHA reported that an interagency mission is en route to Brega to assess humanitarian conditions. According to relief agencies, Brega reportedly sustained significant infrastructure damage during the conflict.

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26. (SBU) Government of Germany to Provide 200 MT of Water Treatment Chemicals: Water supplies in Benghazi and other towns in eastern Libya remain adequate, according to the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Cluster, and the Government of Germany plans to procure and transport 200 MT of water treatment chemicals to Libya, particularly for distribution in eastern areas, to ensure continued operation of water systems and desalination plants.

27. (SBU) FY 2011 USG ASSISTANCE FOR LIBYA COMPLEX EMERGENCY

- USAID/OFDA Assistance: \$13,323,710
- USAID/FFP2 Assistance: \$15,654,100
- State/PRM3 Assistance: \$60,000,000
- State/PM/WRA4 Assistance: \$1,497,607
- FY 2011 Announced USG Assistance: \$90,475,417

28. (U) Minimize considered.



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