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The celebrations in Banghazi have started since morning in which ~~different types of festivities were~~ conducted by pupils expressing their full happiness on this historic occasion accomplished thanks to the Great Al-Fatih Revolution which has purged the Libyan Arab territory of the foreign presence and has brought about many massive achievements to the people in that now the people possess wealth, weapons and power.

The masses of the basic congresses have expressed their continuous challenge to U.S. imperialism which is conducting muscle-flexing in the Mediterranean Sea, stressing their readiness to carry out the death-order in defence of the integrity of the Arab nation.

Yesterday morning, a massive peoples' celebration took place in Kursah in the municipality of Darnah in which the masses of the city participated ~~besides pupils and sports centres youth~~ to mark this occasion which is regarded as a great liberation accomplishment on the road of the liberation and unification of the Arab nation.

Al-Qadhdhafi Addresses Rally

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[Speech by Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi at rally marking the anniversary of Britain's military withdrawal from Libya; location of rally unspecified — live]

[Text] In the name of God, brothers: Today we are marking all over the Jamahiriyah the anniversary of the expulsion of the foreign invading forces from our land. On such a day we liberated through revolution Al-Adem base, which we have turned into the Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir base, in a long series of sacrifices and struggles for the sake of dignity and freedom. [chants of "To hell with America; the Arab people has found its path"]

One of the motivating factors for the revolution was the presence of foreign forces on the soil of our fathers and forefathers. Those who joined the caravan of death, the caravan of the free unionist officers, were motivated by the feeling of dignity and bitterness at the presence of foreign forces on our land before the revolution, at a time when Libya was considered an independent state. The colonialists blessed this independence because it served their interests and created for them a very important base in the Middle East and North Africa. But this, dear brothers, did not fool us. We knew that our country was colonized and supported the imperialist forces, and that this was in contradiction with our dignity and rights over our land on which we should live freely and with pride, and deservedly so.

The people are celebrating today the expulsion of the foreign forces from its land, those which came to Libya under the pretext of allying themselves with us against the Italian fascist forces during World War II. Then the British forces settled in Libya and turned into colonialist forces. And when Britain, which claimed that it had allied itself with us against Italy during World War II, wanted to colonize our land and establish bases to serve its colonialist interests, when we discovered this, dear brothers,

we expelled these forces and considered them invading forces because, as I have said, this contradicts our existence and dignity.

The people today celebrate the anniversary of the expulsion of the forces who were expelled when it was discovered that they were imperialist forces, false despite the fact that they came to help them. [sentence as heard] Brothers, America should have realized that the people who celebrate the expulsion of foreign forces from their territories do not accept under any circumstances and regardless of the sacrifices a return of foreign imperialist forces to the Libyan territories. [chants]

Brothers, Italy, which our grandfathers and fathers fought, and for whom commemorative monuments are being erected on every inch of Libyan territory, can not be compared with the present situation. Italy was stronger than America with regard to Libya at the present. At that time, before World War II and during World War II, Italy used to be considered a frightening colonialist, imperialist power compared with what the situation was in Libya — poverty and (?misery) and rotten reactionary Ottoman colonialism and lack of intrinsic force. At that time, brothers, our fathers and grandfathers did not possess even rifles, even modern rifles; indeed, their rifles were old and makeshift, but their will was strong. They possessed the right of defending their land, the land of their grandfathers with all that they possess. Indeed, they fought with knives and there were battles with bayonets between our fathers and grandfathers and the Italian invaders who possessed warships and long-range guns with which they shelled our towns from the sea out of range of the rifles of our fathers and grandfathers.

But, brothers, when the Italian forces entered Libyan soil it blazed under their feet. They could not sleep nor stay in this land as colonizers. We forced them to surrender and yield in several battles. The bare feet of our forefathers trod on the Italian flag, on the Roman flag that was made out of silk, which they aspired to hoist over Libyan soil. But we trod on it with our feet. [chants]

Brothers. We are a people with past glories and a written and acknowledged history of sacrifice and redemption in the cause of freedom and pride.

America, the neo-imperialist, neo-Italy which is represented by America today, must read history. The butcher Reagan — we said from the very first day of his election that he is not fit to be a president. We respect him as an actor. We respect actors as actors in the profession they have chosen for themselves, and for which they are equipped and qualified instinctively. But when the farcical Western democracy enables an actor, whose capabilities have been geared for acting and who has prepared himself to be an actor, to become president of a superpower, we said that he will be a catastrophe to the world and to international politics. What we have said has come true.

This actor, who wants to lead a country, sent hundreds of American soldiers to Beirut but they returned to him as corpses, shattered. He sent them to Sinai, but they returned to him in a scorched plane and as scorched bodies. He also sent them to the Mediterranean and left them there as corpses and prey for whales. Brothers, Reagan should have studied history -- from 1801 and 1802, 1803 and 1804 until even 1805. He should have

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studied history to learn that the people here are a brave and struggling people. They are a people that cannot be routed by warships. Even in 1800, before the Italian colonization, the American naval forces tried to colonize our shores; but we defeated them. On 11 June 1805, we expelled them from Darnah, brothers. This is well known. [chants]

O Brothers, he [Reagan] should have reviewed the U.S. defeats in Vietnam and should have checked the number of victims who died wastefully. Reagan, the foolish and ignorant, should have reviewed U.S. defeats in Vietnam and should have reviewed the huge number of victims the United States sacrificed in Vietnam for nothing. Vietnam at the time was divided into two parts: South Vietnam, controlled by the United States, and North Vietnam, which was resisting. The war ended with the unification of Vietnam and the establishment of a strong, fearless and socialist state. The war ended in a humiliating defeat for the United States and its forces and in a huge sacrifices made by American youth for no reason. What did the United States achieve from its war in Vietnam and what did it achieve from its campaigns [against Libya] in 1800, and what has it now achieved from its onslaught in the Mediterranean? The United States' custom, together with other colonialists, has always been one thing: to always forget the past, forget their defeats, and always try again -- which always ends in further defeats. Until the day colonialism and imperialism end, they are bound to forget past lessons, and they are bound to be defeated because this is the natural way to end evil on earth, end imperialism and colonialism. Once upon a time, Holland used to colonialize India. Portugal used to be an imperialist power; it used to colonialize Africa and Asia. Britain used to be called the country where the sun never sets. The United States itself used to be a British colony.

The Nazi strength used to make Hitler think that he could occupy the entire world and turn the Soviet Union into colonies, and occupy Africa and the North Pole. Power used to make Hitler believe this. Many empires had emerged, but in front of the right of the peoples to life, these empires were torn up and those forces, which deceived their authors by thinking that they are capable of controlling the world, were destroyed. Where is the empire of Alexander the Great and where is the Ottoman empire, and Hitler's empire, which he wanted to build by force on the skulls of the nations, and where are the Portuguese and Dutch empires? Where is the British empire? Now the turn of the U.S. empire has come, which inevitably will have the same fate as the fate of those empires which foundered on the rock of the peoples' resistance in every continent of the world. [chants of anti-Reagan slogans]

Brothers, today we also would like to ask: What benefits did the United States get from its aggression against the Libyan waters? What benefits did it get? First, there is no government which tells more lies than the U.S. Government. It denied the shooting down of three F-14 planes in the Gulf of Sidra and denied the death of 6 pilots, which the sharks are still eating in the Gulf of Sidra.

It is well known that the Pentagon and the imperialist military junta, as was described in the Cuban communique, the Pentagon knows this without doubt but it does not want this defeat to appear before world public opinion [as heard]. How can the U.S. empire, which has fleets, nuclear bombs, and which controls the

continents of the world, announce that its pilots had fallen before a state with a population of 3 million, a small and poor state, which stands tall and resists 30 U.S. warships and 3 U.S. aircraft carriers, which are equivalent to air bases in the Mediterranean? How can the United States have the courage to enable it to announce this loss? Their pilots fell, their aircraft fell, and they know this, yet they deny this in front of the world.

All right, what made the United States go crazy over the past 2 days of the confrontation, go crazy and try to look for anything Libyan on which to take its revenge to the extent that its aircraft raided a tugboat and a fishing vessel? When it said that four of our boats were sunk or something like that, they were a tugboat [al-jarrafah]; indeed they sunk a boat, and its sailors are present now and we shall show them on television. In order to protect itself before the White House, the 6th Fleet announced that it had hit Libyan naval targets, among them a fishing vessel and a tugboat, which was rescuing a ship. Then we allowed a U.S. helicopter to enter the Gulf of Sidra in order to rescue the bodies of the pilots. It rescued two, one a dead body and the other about to die. We could have brought down the helicopter with another missile, but for humanitarian reasons we allowed it to cross the line of death in order to rescue them. [applause] These cowards, when a tugboat and a fishing vessel went to rescue some sailors, the U.S. aircraft confronted them and strafed them, because they were looking for anything to save face.

It has now been made clear to the Pentagon that parallel 32 is in fact the line of death because the planes which crossed it fell and the pilots who crossed it were killed. This is a fact. [Words indistinct] the 6th Fleet. The other aspect, brothers, the other aspect is that the American ships were not able to cross parallel 32. Any of the American aircraft or American reporters present, we challenge the 6th Fleet to say that any of its aircraft carriers were able to get near the line of death, because we would destroy them then. [as heard]

Brothers, it has been made clear now that parallel 32 is the line of death. We die in it and the enemy dies in it equally. Moreover, our sovereignty over the Gulf of Sidra, our sovereignty, brothers, our sovereignty over the Gulf of Sidra has been baptized with blood. This time it has been baptized with blood. We have asserted to the world that we are prepared to baptize our sovereignty over the Gulf of Sidra with blood, with our bodies, with all what we possess. This has actually been done, brothers. [applause and chants]

Even in the confrontation of 1980 or 1981, an F-14 aircraft was downed it crossed this line, when they downed two planes for us. But America denied at that time that its aircraft were downed. Only a few days later we were able to pull out parts of the aircraft wreckage and we still have them and the American reporters can take a picture of some parts of the American aircraft which we downed in 1981 and which America has denied. America declared afterward that one of its aircraft was missing from one of the bases in Europe so that it could cover up this operation. Now you will hear in the future, it will be declared from time to time, that an American F-14 aircraft was lost together with its pilot in the Atlantic or in Europe or in the Pacific Ocean, until you hear that there are three aircraft involved -- which will be announced, even over a period of a year, that America had lost

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these aircraft so that it does not admit that these aircraft fell after having crossed the line of death.

In all circumstances, however, our resistance will continue in order to affirm our right to the Gulf of Sidra. This confrontation, since 1981 — 1980 and 1981 — and until now, this confrontation brothers, even from a legal point of view, has made the Gulf of Sidra a historical gulf. The law of the sea says that a country has the right of sovereignty over small gulfs which are considered as historical gulfs, that is, gulfs over which the sovereignty of a country has been established historically. We are resisting in order to affirm our sovereignty over the Gulf of Sidra. We have included the Gulf of Sidra among the historical gulfs. We have a historical right to it because we are fighting for our sovereignty over this gulf, which will be the property of the coming generations because we have entered it into history and extended our sovereignty over it. The proof of that is our resistance. It is enough to resist in the Gulf of Sidra to prove that it is our gulf. Why does America not enter it peacefully and quietly?

On the other hand, some other countries have not been, regrettably, more civilized and more understanding for the law of the sea, particularly a country, such as Britain, which is maritime power. It has announced that it is opposed to any violation against international navigation in international waters. We also strongly support the right of passage and the right of navigation in international waters. The Gulf of Sidra, however, is not part of international waters. It is in the heart of Libya. They must understand this.

We are also like them. We support America when it advocates freedom of navigation in the open seas. We also, as a state, support freedom of navigation in international waters. But the Gulf of Sidra is not part of international waters. Even the right to freedom of navigation in international waters should, however, not be accompanied by noise, threats, and nuclear fleets. Concerning navigation in the Mediterranean particularly, we are opposed to navigation by nuclear vessels. However, we support innocent navigation, commercial navigation, and peaceful navigation. But we reject menacing navigation, nuclear navigation, which heralds war, even in the international waters of the Mediterranean. The Gulf of Sidra is a national issue. Despite the fact that there is no comparison between the power which has readied itself to attack the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact and other big powers, there is no comparison between it and the Libyan power. [as heard]

The Libyan force is a modest one, it is a defensive one. It is intended to affirm and guarantee our life in our homes and on our soil. The Libyan force is essentially a defensive force. It is intended to defend our right over our soil. The Gulf of Sidra is part of our soil. Consequently, we use the force for our legitimate defense. Therefore, under no circumstances can the Libyan force be compared with the American might which is only matched by that of the USSR. There can be a comparison between the USSR and the United States to determine which is the stronger. A country which has 3 million soldiers and 5,000 atomic bombs can be compared with the USSR. But there is no room for comparison between it and Libya.

But Reagan's foolishness has gone to the extent of comparing America to Libya. Has Libya lost any planes or not? Has Libya triumphed or not? Who triumphed? It suffices that some heads of states got in touch with me asking me to show self-restraint. This is enough. Such a thing should be asked of Gorbachev and Reagan, and ask them to show self-restraint so that a catastrophe will be avoided. But to ask a small country to show self-restraint toward America is a source of pride to us and a source of disgrace and shame for Reagan and his imperialist likes. [chants]

Brothers, we declare to the world that we are still ready to resist. We will continue to resist bravely in defense of our right to live in peace in our land. We have entered into battle with the United States, the superpower, for the sake of our right to life and for the sake of defending our borders. This resistance will continue. We have entered battle with a superpower, but we want to expose this superpower and bring shame and disgrace on the United States, which deceives American public opinion and the Arab public opinion.

First, we are prepared to die if the United States or anyone else enters the Gulf of Sidra by force. This is because it is part of our territory. Second, we have succeeded tactically and strategically against the United States, which claims to be a superpower. When we shot down 3 of its aircraft, the United States became angry and wanted to get revenge and hit any plane of ours, in order to avenge the planes that had been shot down. We decided on that day to keep the Libyan Air Force in action and to let the missiles have free action. Consequently, the United States tried several times to use all its aircraft carriers in order to get at the Libyan Air Force, but it did not succeed. We did not let it have the opportunity to shoot down even one Libyan plane. It did not shoot down even a single plane in this confrontation.

Afterwards, when U.S. planes were shot down with SAM-5's the United States wanted to retrieve these missiles. We want to disclose this to the U.S. newsmen so that they will tell the American people and the world. They said: We bombed the missile batteries and destroyed them, twice. We say: These are lies and the missiles were not destroyed; they were not bombed as they said and they fired only two missiles. One exploded and the other still remains [intact] and the U.S. journalists can take its photograph.

They fired two missiles on a suburb of the town of Surt. It appears that was for the purpose of striking the SAM-5 missiles. One of the missiles exploded without causing any damage, and the other is still there. We have carried out tests on it, and to spite the United States, we would like to hand it over to the Soviet Union so that it can learn the secret of this missile and make an antimissile for it -- just to spite the United States. [applause and chants of "Defiance to America"]

When we discovered that they wanted to hit these missiles, we tricked them once more. We tricked them once more, and they declared to the world that they had destroyed these missiles. But they did not destroy them. The fact is that we tricked the United States, we tricked its forces, we tricked its electronics, and all that it was testing on these missiles. We did not allow it to hit the missiles, or to test electronic gadgets to combat this type of missile. So, with another technique and with other measures we

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tricked the United States, we tricked the U.S. 6th Fleet, because the latter failed to discover these missiles and to hit them. However, if the 6th Fleet launched any other missiles, we did not see them and we did not hear about them. If they fell into the sea or if they did not in fact launch them, then this is the business of the 6th Fleet, it is the business of the United States. At any rate, this should be added to the series of lies and fabrications circulated by the Pentagon, this vile Pentagon, for the attention of the American public and the Europeans so that they may not be disappointed that the United States, the great empire, had its aircraft shot down by a small state; that the United States fails to hit missiles; where its long-range missiles were, and where its warships were.

The second stage of the confrontation: It was us who decided to lure the U.S. aircraft to our air defense. We had thus deliberately enabled it to come nearer and engage in some violations [of Libyan airspace], because we wanted to lure it into an ambush laid down and hatched by us. Afterwards, they discovered that the matter was not that of silencing missiles or that Libya could not attack them on the 32d parallel; but they had realized, it seems that they had realized that the scheme was to lure their aircraft so that we could destroy it with our air defense, with our own aircraft. Therefore, they failed in this operation. They had failed in the first stage to hunt our aircraft and they could not shoot down any aircraft. They had failed in the second operation when they believed that they had undertaken violations, but then they discovered that it was us that had lured them into to our plan in order to destroy them with air defense missiles other than the SAM-5. They believed that they had destroyed the SAM-5 missiles, but afterwards they discovered that they had failed to destroy them. So, they went and hit a dredger, a boat [zawraq], and the tugboat [al-qatirah], and they counted them together in order to be able to say: We have hit many naval units, and we have avenged the airplanes and the airmen that were shot down.

The United States thus has proved its inhumanity, its arrogance, its barbarian nature, and its lies. It must never be respected; neither its forces nor anything American should be respected. As a matter of fact, the world is now assaulting the United States everywhere: U.S. Embassies, U.S. companies are attacked by non-Libyan people. They accuse the Palestinians, Abu Nidal [Sabri al-Banna], Al-Qadhdhafi. Good; but then those who have hit the U.S. Embassy in Japan with missiles, they are neither with Abu Nidal, nor with Al-Qadhdhafi; they are neither Libyans nor Arabs. Those who hit the electronic center in Pakistan, burned the cultural center in Pakistan, and hit the U.S. Embassy in Beirut with missiles, these are not Abu Nidal, nor are they Libyans. Libyans did not do this.

The acts of violence are escalating. Twenty thousand Greeks marched on the American Embassy. These were not Libyans. Angry demonstrations were staged in Aden and in Damascus to the extent that the Syrian authorities had to rush to defend the American Embassy using a large police force, a very large police force, because the Syrian masses were so angry that they could have destroyed the embassy. These were not Libyans. In Bolivia yesterday the American Embassy there was blown up with explosives in reply to their aggression in the Mediterranean and in Nicaragua. These too were not Libyans.

All the peoples are now against America. If America wants to hold us responsible for everything the world does, then we are prepared to accept such responsibility. True, we are leading the world revolution and all the peoples support us. We are instigating all peoples against imperialism and colonialism so that imperialism will be destroyed, the world will rid itself of its evil and peace will prevail. [chants] At another stage, the forces of the American 6th Fleet wanted to test our air defenses other than SAM-5's. We carried out countermeasures and drew them in to a trap. They thus obtained false information about our system.

Politically, America lost the whole world. All the peoples became indignant with it during the first confrontation. Now the peoples moved on to the offensive. During the first confrontation, their stand was a passive one. But now, it has become a positive one. It has turned into an attack with missiles on America everywhere and on its embassies.

If we were people who kill civilians... [changes thought] we have Americans here in Libya. They are living in peace and no harm has come to them. We have not killed them. They like to live in Libya and not return to America, where people live on sidewalks because all the money is being spent on aircraft carriers, missiles, star wars and space shuttles, the American people live in poverty and misery. Tens of thousands of the inhabitants in the American capital live on sidewalks without shelters. They live, marry and bear children on the pavements like cats and mice. This is because America's money is spent on aircraft carriers, navies and on the intimidation of peoples.

The American people could have toppled him now, because he failed in every battle; he failed in Beirut and carried on his shoulders the bodies of 300 American soldiers; he entered Sinai and returned with 300 dead soldiers who were burnt, brought back in his plane; he entered a confrontation with Libya and came out defeated militarily and politically. He should have been brought down, this dirty man who leads America from one defeat to another. We are ready to die. We know that America has nuclear bombs and hellish forces but this does not concern us. We state our rights and we are ready to die and the confrontation continues. And in every confrontation we win, we win the peoples, the masses. In every confrontation the Arab nation unites around us. All the leaders of the Arab nation, even those which America considers to be its friends, contacted us to place their capabilities with those of the Libyan people. All the presidents and kings of the Arab nation have contacted me personally about the American aggression and have stood by the Jamahiriyah. Thus each time we confront America, the Arab nation unites and we lead the battle of pan-Arabism through this confrontation, because America is not after Libya alone, but strives to subdue the Arab nation. Subsequently, it wants to give the Israelis an historic chance to live, get stronger and increase immigration and set up a Jewish empire in the heart of the Arab homeland which will be a second America. This is the final objective of America: Destroy Syria, destroy the Palestinian resistance, destroy Libya, Algeria, Yemen and all the forces of Arab resistance in order that the so-called Jewish state may flourish and Zionism be established as an empire at the expense of the Arab nation. This is, dear brothers, the objective. Why is America pouring this hatred on us?

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At first they said: We are attacking Libya because of Rome and Vienna. Then they said: We are attacking them because of the Gulf of Sidra; it is not theirs. Later, they said: No, we are attacking them because of the SAM-5's. Why, the heads of states and governments asked me, why this U.S. farce? The friends of the United States said: What is this farce? The United States has put us in a difficult position.

First it said: We want to attack Libya for this reason. Then that reason ceased to exist. Then it said because of the second reason, the third reason. It is determined to attack Libya not because of Rome and Vienna or over the Gulf of Sidra or over the SAM-5's. No, it wants to attack Libya. Why does it want to attack Libya? Does Libya constitute a threat to the United States, which possess ICBM's and atomic bombs? No, it is because Libya is the embodiment of the Arab resistance, as Syria embodies the steadfastness of Arab resistance; because Libya is the instigator for Arab unity and for resisting colonialism; it is because Libya's voice is being heard by the peoples of Central America and Latin America, who are fighting near the borders of the United States and want to live free; because Libya's voice is being heard by 30 million black U.S. inhabitants; they hear the voice of the Jamahiriyah. This is the danger that 80 million red Indians hear our voice. The persecuted everywhere hear our voice.

The peoples who are suffering under the domination of U.S. military bases on the continents of the world hear our voice and respond and revolt and are mobilized against the United States. Consequently, the United States, in fact, realized that Libya constitutes a threat, because Libya raises the flag of Arab challenge and the flag of Arab nationalism and diligently works for the establishment of Arab unity, thereby creating a new force in the Middle East and in Africa. It is counter to the ambitions of U.S. imperialism in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Mediterranean. The peoples want to be liberated, and we are inciting them and they hear our voice. The United States wants to maintain her bases everywhere in the world, to be set up everywhere. The resistance against the United States and against colonialism is everywhere, even if the confrontation has ended temporarily opposite the Gulf of Sidra. But, the battle against the United States is escalating everywhere, including (?inside) the Gulf of Sidra.

Yes, the United States should understand that the Gulf of Sidra has brought it nothing except the escalation of international wrath and international revolution; that the ground has begun to shake under the feet of Americans everywhere in the world as a result of its foolhardy and unjust policy toward this small country and toward this nation which wants only to unite and become stronger and live in security on the earth, which God has created, and not the United States.

Brothers, we the Arabs are no less powerful than the United States if we unite. Consequently, this confrontation, although it united us temporarily and united us from the ideological point of view, these Arab stands should be turned into positive stands. In the face of this unjust and continuous confrontation that wants to destroy and humiliate the Arab nation, I urge that unity be established immediately between Libya and Algeria in accordance with the Algerian Charter, as approved by the Algerian people. We agree to unity in accordance with the Algerian

National Charter, as approved by the Algerian people. [chants of unity slogans]

Also, unity should be established immediately between Libya and Syria. I would like to say at this crucial movement, the Syrian people and President Hafiz al-Asad and the Syrian Ba'th Party have shown true Arabism and true fraternity. They did not just stand alongside you with mere words, but they coupled the words with positive and satisfactory action. I say that Syria was with us in the trench and it was with us in the confrontation with all its possessions and not just with words. The day will come when we will cite the figures and the facts and all the events which bestow honor on the Syrian people and on Brother Hafiz al-Asad in the eyes of the Libyan people and the Libyan Armed forces. [applause]

This genuine unity between the two countries should become a legal and constitutional one before the world so that we may act clearly in accordance with law and constitutional legitimacy. A merger should be immediately established between Libya and Syria and between Libya and Algeria.

At this moment, I address myself to the great fraternal Sudanese people — the authors of the 6 April Revolution, who severed America's tails and destroyed America's bridges in Sudan and Africa — I call upon the Sudanese people not to vote in the April elections for any party other than the party which champions immediate unity between Sudan and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah. [chants] Brothers, I call on the Sudanese people not to cast votes for other than those who want to establish unity immediately between Sudan and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah.

No Arab country can forge its way forward alone in the future in the face of these challenges. But through Arab unity, we can create the might that can stand up to America; the might that can make this region and this nation feared. But in our state of division and regionalism, we become a prey for the greedy. America has transgressed our borders because it knows that not all the Arab forces were in the battle, although they should have been there. This confrontation will speed up the revolution against the regimes which want to stand in the way of Arab unity. All the Arab military are called upon to stage revolutions and realize Arab unity, if their organization obstructs the establishment of Arab unity. [chants]

Brothers, it is a great victory and a glory for Libyan males and females; it honors the the Arab nation and honors its martyrs in every era, and raises the morale of all nations. Your steadfastness and brave confrontation of America have raised the morale of all nations on earth. A small nation stands with pride and bravery and courage and with heads raised high against the number one tyrant imperialist force in the world and teaches it a lesson and does not hesitate to shoot down its aircraft and launches missiles against its mighty fleet. We shall not hesitate to do so in future too. [chants and applause]

But brothers, we want to draw the attention of the states hosting 6th Fleet. The first one is Italy; the second is Spain. Any future war will bring Italy and Spain and any other state hosting the 6th Fleet inside the circle of the war. We summoned the ambassadors of these states and told them that if war breaks out

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between Libya and America then the states in which there are American bases will fall within the operational area, and we shall attack these bases in order that they will not be able to support the 6th Fleet. In actual fact, this ultimatum was communicated — and it is still in force — to the European states which support the American 6th Fleet and in which there are American bases, namely, that they will be subjected to danger as a result of our self defense. When we destroy these bases we are taking precautionary actions; if war breaks out between us and America we will be within our right to destroy the bases of the American 6th Fleet wherever they may be -- if war breaks out between us and America in the future. These states should understand this. Italy owes us; it owes the Libyan people; it should do everything to satisfy the Libyan people and should compensate the Libyan people for their losses as a result of Italian colonization. Italy should not raise its voice in support of America as its bribed defense minister — the agent of the American intelligence — does; the Italian defense minister, whose statements will only lead to more confrontation between Libya and Italy and more firm demands for compensation and revenge and for compensating the losses we sustained at the hands of Italy.

Italy should be [words indistinct] in front of the Libyans from the shame which the Italian colonialism had caused them. We wanted to establish friendship with Italy and cooperate amicably concerning the losses caused by its colonialism in our land and to negotiate with it. But we see Italy supporting the American 6th Fleet. We address ourselves to the Italian people to work continuously from now on to remove Italian support of the 6th fleet. Because we hate Italian colonialism and call for revenge against Italy, the 6th Fleet may provide us with an historic opportunity to take our revenge against Italy and fight it on its own soil if it does [words indistinct] the American 6th Fleet.

I know, dear brothers, America and its long missiles — the stick of the (?despicable) is long, as they say, and their capabilities are huge — can sow destruction in Libya. But the orders had been issued and we became angry enough to take on the American 6th Fleet. We say in front of the world — and let America understand this — we would have caused incalculable losses as far as America is concerned, even if they were to pour nuclear bombs on us. We know that America has nuclear bombs and the whole world knows that it can annihilate Libya totally. But before this happens we can inflict unforeseen destruction on the 6th Fleet and America. Indeed, we can destroy the American carriers, the warships of the American 6th Fleet and the American Air Force. This will happen when we go absolutely crazy and want the disaster to hit us and our enemies. Then our slogan will be "On me and on my enemies, O God" as the saying goes -- if one wants to finish himself off and take his enemies with him. If we see that we are about to be finished, we shall take the American 6th Fleet with us. We are capable of this. If we decide to get rid of the Libyan Air Force, to remain without an air force, [then] build a new air force, buy new aircraft, train new pilots, and want sacrifice half of our aircraft, we can destroy the American 6th Fleet. Let America get angry, get mad, drop nuclear bombs, but it knows that dozens of aircraft are capable of destroying the American carriers in the Mediterranean.

It is sufficient for us that we have addressed a warning to the commander of the American fleet, who was staying in Europe

and not at sea. We sent him an open cable saying: If we become furious, we could destroy the aircraft carriers. We sent him a cable which he sent in turn to the press and was published. We told him: Withdraw safely. Yield and you will be safe. That was what we said at the end of the cable. A moment might come that we attack the aircraft carriers and destroy them whatever our losses, even if scores of Libyan planes were to be downed. But we can get to the aircraft carriers and render them inoperative before the eyes of the world.

After that cable, the American aircraft carriers remained for 72 hours under air cover day and night. This exhausted the American 6th Fleet and the American aircraft and made us reach a point not reached in the past operations: we forced them into a maneuver of attrition [munawarah bi al-'iya']. This is the third or fourth point, about which I have not spoken to you. We finally forced them into maneuver by attrition. We forced the airmen not to sleep either in day time or at night. The aircraft carriers had to be guarded under air cover for 72 hours. Indeed, we could have offered sacrifices and entered the holocaust and destroyed the largest number of aircraft, aircraft carriers and units, not caring after that if America were to strike at us. If God had decreed this, then let it be. But we know that America cannot annihilate a people. It had struck at the people of Vietnam with all the capabilities it possesses. But America was defeated and the Vietnamese people triumphed.

America could not change the regime in Cuba which is only 90 miles away from America's borders. During the battle and confrontation with them, I sent a message to Ortega in Nicaragua telling him that we are prepared to send you arms for use in the fighting now taking place in Honduras on Nicaragua's borders against the contra forces, whom America has decided to provide with \$100 million today so that they may fight the revolutionary regime in Nicaragua. America wants to change a regime that was approved by the Nicaraguan people. One of the world's peoples has decided on a certain regime which does not meet with America's approval and so it wants to change it by force. Just look at that attitude: It wants to change things by force.

At the same time, we have been on the side of the Sudanese people, with the Lebanese National Resistance, with the Chadian revolution, and it has failed to influence us. But disgrace and shame on those around us who open their doors to the troops of the 6th Fleet. What a shame for an Arab to extend his hand and shake hands with the disgrace-stained men of the U.S. 6th Fleet, a fleet hostile to the Arab nation, hostile to the pride of the Arab nation, hostile to the forces of defiance of the Arab nation! An Arab extending a dirty hand to such a dirty man — disgrace and shame upon those who open their doors for the troops of the 6th Fleet to enter their homes! They are devoid of any honor, of any decency. Disgrace and shame upon them from the Arab masses, from the history of the Arab nation. What dignity is left for these submissive individuals when they open their ports and doors to the U.S. 6th Fleet?

We say to the Egyptian people and the Egyptian Army: Will the Egyptian Government continue to dare to permit the U.S. fleet to conduct maneuvers in Egyptian territory? The United States wanted the same maneuvers it had conducted over the past years

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on Egyptian territory to be used as a test for operations in Libyan territory. We have, in fact, told our brothers in Egypt, we told them: Look, brothers, you are training the U.S. 6th Fleet against the Libyan people; the U.S. 6th Fleet wants to use the maneuvers it is conducting on your shores as a test in operation against the Libyan shores! I have been proved right. In fact, the U.S. 6th Fleet has now tried to apply in Libyan territory the maneuvers that the Egyptian Government, the Egyptian regime, had enabled it to conduct in Egyptian territory. Will the Egyptian Army and the Egyptian people continue to permit the U.S. 6th Fleet to conduct maneuvers in Egyptian territory?

At the same time, we warn the Egyptian regime that any cooperation with the United States is considered as an aggressive cooperation against the security and safety of Libyan territory. We will look at it from this angle only, and the Egyptian regime must bear responsibility for the consequences of its military cooperation with the U.S. forces after this confrontation. Any other Arab regime cooperating with the U.S. 6th Fleet, we will consider as aggressively cooperating against the security and safety of Libyan territory, against our homes and our children. We will look at such cooperation from this angle, and the regime in question will bear the responsibility for the consequences of its military cooperation with the U.S. 6th Fleet.

Any Arab-U.S. military cooperation will be considered as an act of aggression against Libya, and the regime involved will bear its responsibility. He who warns first is excused! Let the United States' hirelings hear. They who are now in the throes of death and who are going to be finished like Nuri like Faysal II in Baghdad, the defunct Al-Sadat, the appendant Numayri, Batista in Cuba, Somoza in Nicaragua, Lon Nol in Cambodia, and Nguyen Cao Ky in Saigon -- a series of U.S. agents that have fallen. Let the Arab hirelings read history even for 5 minutes; let them peruse the list of the U.S. agents that have fallen. Do they not heed the lesson provided by Al-Sadat and Numayri who only yesterday fell near them?

They believe that cooperation with the United States protects them and prolongs their lives. Why did it not prolong the life of their agent Idris al-Sanusi in the face of the revolution that we had undertaken, when he was relying on five major U.S. bases in Libyan territory, and on the British base whose evacuation day we are celebrating today? They do not heed lessons until they fall. [indistinct slogans chanted]

Brothers, we must not forget to salute the stand, brothers, we must salute and appreciate the stand which was adopted by the Soviet Union and the socialist community in this confrontation. There is no doubt that you heard on the radio about the attack by the Soviet delegate at the Security Council against the United States — something not done even by an Arab delegate. The truth is that the Soviet Union confirmed its friendship to the Arab nation through its stand alongside us in this confrontation. You heard Gorbachev's speech by the Soviet delegate at the Security Council — the strong speech which stripped America naked and exposed it before the world — and the stand of the socialist states. The Soviet Union has cooperated politically and with all sincerity with its Arab friends headed by the Libyans. We should thank them for this stand and we should confirm this in the history of Libyan Arab friendship which is built on mutual respect and on

respect for the choices of others. We and the Soviet Union have different social choices, but we are brought together by common objectives — the struggle for peace and progress and against imperialism, against racism and reaction, and against Zionism. Imperialism is a common enemy. Despite the ideological difference between our system and that of the Soviet Union, this has not prevented us from establishing a firm friendship. This friendship has proved its earnestness in these crucial moments. The Soviet Union has cooperated with us to the greatest extent by all peaceful means, from Moscow to the Security Council, and with it the states of the socialist community.

You listened to Algerian radio. [Words indistinct] it surpassed the Libyan radio in incitement and confrontation against aggression. When you tune to Algerian radio you would think that you are tuning to Libyan radio. [applause and chants]

Some of the good Libyans — we must not forget this point — were asking why we support Iran against Iraq, which is an Arab country. Look at the confrontation. Iraq is attacking us in the middle of the confrontation. It opened its radios, day and night, to attacks on the Libyan people while we are confronting the U.S. 6th Fleet. Iran declares, while it is in the heart of battle against the Saddam regime, that its resources, including military potentials, are at the disposal of the Jamahiriyyah. [applause] This battle is between America and the enemies of America. As long as Saddam is on the side of America and with Husni Mubarak, you naturally cannot be with him. Can you be in the same rank as Husni Mubarak? Never. Saddam Husayn is in the same rank as Husni Mubarak. They embrace each other every day and fight together. Imagine a regime which Husni Mubarak fights; this means that this regime is against America. He, Husni Mubarak, fights the Iranian regime; this means that the latter is against America. Imagine a regime for which Husni Mubarak supports and fights; this means that this regime is with America and the Israelis. Husni Mubarak now fights on the side of the regime of Saddam Husayn. We are not stupid. We cannot be ruled by our sentiments. These are facts which should be said today.

Therefore, brothers, this confrontation must make us more determined to achieve our right to live. We have baptised our right to the Gulf of Sidra with blood. We have reaffirmed that the 32d parallel is the line of death. Actually we are prepared to die at this line. We have done so and this happened. It suffices that the American 6th Fleet was compelled to withdraw, dragging behind it its tail of disappointment, shame, and fatigue without achieving its aims. It was forced to cut short its exercises which were scheduled to go on until 1 April. Even if they return to challenge us we will challenge them. This is our right to live, whatever may happen. The struggle will continue until victory and until imperialism falls, and until the banners of freedom are raised everywhere in the world. [chants]

We, brothers, shall not be intimidated by the roars of the fleets of tyrant America because our forefathers and fathers were not intimidated by the roars of the fleets and guns of the then tyrant, Italy. They were martyred and they bequeathed to us glory and dignity. Today we live and the banners of freedom, pride, and honor flutter over our head. We will be martyred and we will fight and die so that we can leave for our grandchildren and children glory, pride and honor, so that they can live with

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freedom. The great Arab nation is a nation that cannot be vanquished and cannot be annihilated by a fleet, no matter how great this fleet may be. The armies of the Tartar and the Moguls and the armies of Europe were defeated and the Arab nation remained alive and glorious, defeating its enemies, becoming prosperous, and looking forward to its future.

Brothers, the roar of the American fleets will die down and the roar of the nations and the roar of the revolution will remain. The guns will be silenced. The shouts of freedom will remain, the shouts of those struggling for freedom. Even if we die, we will die with honor and pride. Glory for us and immortality for our martyrs. The struggle continues. We are prepared to die, brothers. [chants]

JANA Lists Cables of Support for Al-Qadhdhafi
LD281539 Tripoli JANA in English 1431 GMT 28 Mar 86

[Text] Tripoli, Rajab 17, March 28, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY -- The leader of the revolution has received more support telegrams condemning U.S. aggression on Sidra Gulf. The following movements, organizations, unions and forces' have stressed in their telegrams that they stand firmly by the Libyan Arab people in its courageous confrontation against U.S. aggression and arrogance.

- 1 - The Palestine National Salvation Front in Czechoslovakia.
- 2 - The Palestine Democratic Alliance.
- 3 - Palestine National Liberation Movement Fatah Al-Asifa' troops - South Lebanon.
- 4 - The Peoples' Committee in Mar al-Yas Camp.
- 5 - The Peoples Committee in Al-Musalakh and Nab'a.
- 6 - The People's Committee in Tel Al-Za'tar Camp.
- 7 - Secretariat of the Congresses Affairs in the Palestinian Arab General Peoples' Congress.
- 8 - General Union of Arab Women.
- 9 - The Revolution's Force Living in Benin.
- 10 - The Tunisian Workers' Movement in Sicily.
- 11 - The Moroccan Workers' Movement in Sicily.
- 12 - The Jordanian Student Movement in Sicily.
- 13 - The Palestinian Student Movement in Sicily.
- 14 - The Democratic Front for the Salvation of Somalia.
- 15 - The General Union of Palestine Students, Poland Branch.
- 16 - The Chairman of the General Union of Kuwait Workers.
- 17 - The General Union of Workers of North Yemen.
- 18 - The Higher Preparatory Committee of the Association of Democratic Yemen Unions.
- 19 - The Islamic Movement in the Sudan.
- 20 - The Palestine National Salvation Front in Al-Jamahiriyah.
- 21 - Abdal-Fatah Ghanim, secretary-general of the Transitional Leadership of Palestine Liberation Front.
- 22 - Libyan-Denmark Friendship Society.
- 23 - The General Union of Sudan's Petroleum Workers.
- 24 - Al-Barari Firm for Exports and Imports - Khartoum.
- 25 - The Syrian Arab in Al-Zawiyah.
- 26 - Omar Mohammed al-Burj, member of National Council of Eritrea and representative of Eritrean Liberation Front - the unified organization in Al-Jamahiriyah.
- 27 - Issam al-Muhayiri, leader of the Syrian Social National [words indistinct] the Egyptian revolutionary force inside Egypt.

- 29 - [number as received] The General Union of Moroccan Students.
- 30 - The Kurdistan, Democratic Peoples' Party, Europe Branch.
- 31 - The Lebanese National Students, France Branch.
- 32 - The General Educational Peoples' Congress of Al-Jamahiriyah's Students.
- 33 - The Student Congress of Al-Jamahiriyah's Students in Romania.
- 34 - The Palestine Democratic Alliance.
- 35 - The General Union of Palestine Students, Al-Jamahiriyah Branch.
- 36 - The General Secretariat of Latin America Student Union.
- 37 - The Revolutionary Youth of Panama's Student Movement.
- 38 - The Italian Student Movement in Sicily.
- 39 - The Democratic Youth Association, Hungary, Budapest.
- 40 - The Pakistani Revolutionary Force - West Germany.
- 41 - The Pakistani Revolutionary Force in Al-Jamahiriyah.
- 42 - The Chadian Masses in Al-Jamahiriyah.
- 43 - The Bureau of the Islamic and International Call Society in the Republic of Maldives.
- 44 - The Bureau of the Islamic and International Call, Rome.
- 45 - The Italian Society of Muslims, Rome.
- 46 - The Islamic Defence Society, Ghana.
- 47 - 26th March Movement in Uruguay, Sweden.
- 48 - Mr. Andreas Fradis, Secretary-General of the Agriculturalists' Association in Cyprus.
- 49 - The One Arab Movement in U.K.
- 50 - The Union of Islamic Callers i.e. Who (Call for Others To Embrace Islam) in West France.
- 51 - The Egyptian National Progressive Movement.
- 52 - The Palestine National Liberation Movement.
- 53 - The National Revolutionary Unity in Guatemala.

Weinberger, Crowe Make 'Admissions' About Conflict
LD282347 Tripoli Television Service in Arabic
2005 GMT 28 Mar 86

[Text] About the truth of the Libyan Arab confrontation and the real reasons behind the forced withdrawal of the U.S. fleet: U.S. Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger admitted that the United States acted in 35 states which claimed sovereignty over territorial waters and that Libya was the only country which confronted this U.S. policy. Weinberger admitted five direct clashes during the maneuvers. He frankly pointed out the existence of contradiction and constant changes in the assessment of the U.S. officials of the Libyan-U.S. confrontation.

Admiral Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for his part, gave new facts including a public admission of the combat competence of the Libyan Arab Forces. He literally said: It is important to say here that those events should be placed in their proper perspective, that is, Libya, at least from the point of equipment, has an ideal, commendable system. They have modern planes and modern weapon systems, particularly very advanced electronic systems. It has become clear that if confrontation continued, this would increase the risks and the uncertainty of the results.

The U.S. military official admitted that his forces used, for the first in the history of U.S. wars at sea, new military systems

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including the missile Harpoon and (?HARM). [as heard] These statements reveal several facts. The first is the seriousness of the confrontation which took place in the Mediterranean, forcing the U.S. aggressor to withdraw. The confrontation also gave a lesson to those who doubt Libyan competence and its ability to repel and deter. It exposes the falsity of official U.S. claims that U.S. hostile maneuvers in the area are mere routine naval exercises in international waters. In fact, it was an attempt at muscle-flexing and a test of strength. This is confirmed by the signal of the commander of the U.S. forces, namely, that the U.S. Navy used weapons for the first time in the history of the U.S. naval warfare against the Libyan Arab people.

U.S. Interests, Persons Considered Military Targets

*LD281657 Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland
in Arabic 1557 GMT 28 Mar 86*

[Station commentary]

[Text] The battle which raged off the Jamahiriya shores was not a battle between the Arab people of the Jamahiriya and the United States alone, but was an Arab battle against U.S. imperialism. The position of the Arab people of the Jamahiriya in the battle was only that of the advance force on the line of contact.

Imperialism advanced on the Jamahiriya people only because, in the Arab nation's struggle against imperialism and Zionism, it takes a distinguished position of confrontation in defense of Arab nationalism and the Palestine cause, and indeed, the future of the entire Arab existence.

The Arab triumph in the battle of Al-Jabal and the liberation of Beirut and in bringing down the 17 May agreement -- which is a source of pride for every Arab from the ocean to the Gulf -- was the result of the work of the Jamahiriya, which was one of those directly involved in achieving this great historic feat. The Jamahiriya, which creates pan-Arab epics and victories, cannot but meet with cohesion from the Arab masses as it faces up to imperialism. This cohesion can best be expressed by Arabs, from the ocean to the Gulf, coming out en masse in demonstrations of wrath demanding to storm every presence of the Americans in the region. This is the least they could do. The clash between the Arab nation and imperialism and Zionism has been raging for scores of years. The Arab nation, which has achieved glittering and shining victories and asserted its effective presence in the heart of all battles in the fifties and sixties, should not turn its back to the field of confrontation now that the fire of the confrontation has heated up.

The soaring columns of smoke filling the skies as a result of the blowing up of the interests, establishments and goals of the United States in the region fulfill the longings of the souls of the martyrs, our martyrs who have shed their blood to redeem pan-Arabism.

Everything American, be it an interest, goods, ship, plane or person, are military targets belonging to a hostile country which has declared war on the Arab nation. As the United States permits itself to strike against the Arabs, it is the right, indeed

the duty, of the Arabs to strike at America and shake the entire area under its feet. Let the masses declare as of now, farewell to all safety and all sanctity of all that is American in the Arab homeland.

Oxford Group Threatens 'Suicide' Acts Against U.S.

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[Message of support for Al-Qadhdhafi by unidentified spokesman of Libyan "Revolutionary Force in Oxford Aerodrome, Britain" — live telephone talk]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Greetings to the Great Al-Fatih brother leader, the custodian of pan-Arabism, Colonel Mu'ammarr Qadhdhafi:

The aggression perpetrated by America against the Arab Libyan heroic people, which does not fear imperialist fleets and aircraft, will be destroyed against the Gulf of Sidra. America will suffer a most severe defeat, a terrible defeat like the one it suffered in Vietnam. We will hit with an iron fist anyone, like dirty Reagan, contemplating aggression against the Jamahiriya.

We, the revolutionary force, are prepared to become suicide squads against America and its arrogance. You people of 'Umar al-Muthtar [nationalist resistance figure killed by the Italians], rise! You history-maker! Rise, O you people of the Great Al-Fatih, challenging American terrorism. Revolutionary struggle continues forever.

[Signed] The Revolutionary Force in Oxford Aerodrome, Britain

1,000 Operations Per Day Against U.S., Zionists

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[Text] Fedayeen operations being carried out by Aab fedayeen and suicide squads against imperialism and Zionism will blaze the trail to liberation and escalate the pan-Arab struggle to destroy imperialist arrogance.

These operations are a sacred struggle undertaken by an ill-treated people and supported by a nation which feels that its existence is not secure unless it is able to eliminate the Zionist invaders and the American arrogance.

From now on let the motto of the Arab masses be: One thousand fedayeen and suicide operations per day. The Arab masses in the Arab homeland and everywhere should be ready to epitomize this motto with suicide operations. It is only through this method that the destruction of Zionism can be achieved together with the eradication of the American imperialism. It is through this method that the will of the Arab masses will be imposed in establishing a united, single Arab Jamahiriya state from the Gulf to the Atlantic Ocean. Thus, Arab society will be transformed into a Jamahiri society, with authority, wealth and arms in its hands.