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//((INTERVIEW WITH COLONEL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI BY ALGERIAN TELEVISION IN TRIPOLI ON 31 AUGUST; QUESTIONS ARE ASKED BY UNIDENTIFIED ALGERIAN TELEVISION CORRESPONDENTS -- RECORDED))

((EXCERPTS)) ((PASSAGE OMITTED: INTRODUCTION TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE THANKING AL-QADHDHAFI FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION HIM; QUESTION ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE 1 SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION'S OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED; AL-QADHDHAFI'S ANSWER SAYING THAT LIBYA HAS BECOME THE FIRST JAMAHIRIYAH ON EARTH WHICH HAS, MOREOVER, GIVEN AUTHORITY TO THE PEOPLE AND WHICH HAS SUBSTITUTED PARTNERSHIPS IN PLACE OF THE SYSTEM OF WAGE-EARNERS; QUESTION ON WHETHER THE RECENT GREEN DOCUMENT AMOUNTS TO A CONSTITUTION; AL-QADHDHAFI'S ANSWER SAYING THAT WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS MERELY AN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GREEN BOOK, WHICH PROVIDES ANSWERS TO ALL INJUSTICES))

((QUESTION)) IT IS KNOWN THAT THE WESTERN STATES TRIED, THROUGH THE DIRECT U.S. AGGRESSION ON THE SOVERIEGNTY OF THE JAMAHIRIYAH, TO IMPOSE AN ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AGAINST IT. HOW DID THE REVOLUTION COPE WITH THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THAT BLOCKADE?

((AL-QADHDHAFI)) AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED -- LIBYA, ALGERIA, ALL THESE STATES -- WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF AN ECONOMIC BLOCKADE. THE ISSUE, IF YOU WOULD EXCUSE ME, OF SPEAKING ABOUT AN ECONOMIC BLOCKADE IS SILLY. WE ARE STATES THAT COULD NOT LOSE. HOW COULD A BLOCKADE AFFECT US -- WILL ALL THESE ELECTRONIC VEHICLES THAT WE HAVE CEASE TO WORK, OR WILL THE EXPORT TO THEIR MARKETS...((AL-QADHDHAFI CHANGES THOUGHT)) WE ARE CONSUMERS. THIS BLOCKADE BENEFITTED US A LOT. THEY ASK FOR CONSUMER THINGS, USELESS THINGS LIKE THOSE IN FRONT OF US, AND THE PEOPLE ASK WHERE ARE THEY? THEY HAVE PROHIBITED THEM, THOSE STATES WHICH MANUFACTURE THEM. GOOD, ((WORDS INDISTINCT)). WE LAUGHED AT THEM WHEN THEY SPOKE OF A BLOCKADE. ((WORDS INDISTINCT))

THE OIL IS BEING SOLD, AND THIS IS THE ONLY THING WHICH WE AND YOU EXPORT. THIS OIL IS BEING SOLD, AND THE REMAINDER IS WHAT WE IMPORT. IF THEY WITHHOLD THE CONSUMER MATERIAL THAT WE IMPORT FROM THEM, THAT WOULD BE IN OUR INTERESTS. INDEED, IT BENEFITTED US VERY MUCH. DURING THOSE YEARS, WE TURNED TOWARD PRODUCTION AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY. WE DID NOT LOSE ANYTHING. WHAT? DO WE HAVE CAR FACTORIES AND EXPORT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CARS TO THEIR MARKETS AND, AS A RESULT OF THEIR BLOCKADE, HAVE WE ACCUMULATED CARS? DO WE MAKE PLANES AND SHIPS, WHICH WE EXPORT TO THEM, AND WHICH THEY BLOCKADED US BY NOT PURCHASING FROM US? NO, WE DO NOT EXPORT, WE CONSUME. IF THEY BLOCKADE JAPAN, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE HARMED. IF THEY BLOCKADE WEST GERMANY, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE HARMED. BUT WHEN THEY BLOCKADE COUNTRIES LIKE LIBYA AND ALGERIA, WE DO NOT EVEN FEEL...((AL-QADHDHAFI CHANGES THOUGHT)) THIS IS A FAILED AND STUPID POLICY WITH WHICH THEY COOL THEMSELVES

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((WORDS INDISTINCT)).

((QUESTION)) POLITICAL OBSERVERS AGREE THAT THE CHANCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MAGHREB'S UNITY PROJECT ARE NOW BETTER THAN EVER, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE AIR WAS CLEARED BETWEEN THE JAMAHIRIYAH, TUNISIA, ALGERIA, AND MOROCCO; THE NORMALIZATION OF THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS; AND FOLLOWING THE CURRENT EFFORTS BEING MADE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO IMPLEMENT THE OAU AND UN RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE CONFLICT OF THE WESTERN SAHARA. THESE FACTORS REPRESENT POSITIVE BASES FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW DYNAMIC IN THE MAGHREB. BROTHER COLONEL, WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THESE FACTORS AND THIS DYNAMIC? AND WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM OF THE WESTERN SAHARA WITHIN THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO FIND A LASTING AND JUST SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM?

((AL-QADHDHAFI)) WE ARE GLAD TO SEE THAT SERIOUS MOVES ARE BEING MADE THESE DAYS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE SAHARA. I WAS HOPING TO SEE AN ARAB, AND EVEN A MAGHREBIAN SOLUTION TO BE REACHED AMONG OURSELVES. THE FACT THAT THIS IS TAKING PLACE VIA THE UN HAS HARMED US IN FACT. WHY IS IT THAT IT IS THE UN WHICH SOLVES A PROBLEM CONCERNING ARABS. HOWEVER, MAY GOD FORGIVE OUR BROTHERS IN THE REGION WHO DID NOT GIVE THEIR BROTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM IN THE FAMILY AND REACH AN ARAB, PAN-ARAB, AND MAGHREBIAN SOLUTION. IN ANY CASE, WE ARE GLAD THAT THINGS ARE MOVING THIS WAY, AREN'T WE?

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