

Tony Blair and Gaddafi call February 25th 1115 - 1145

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TB: Hello. I have been trying to reach you for the last few days. It is a very difficult and serious situation. Please tell me what you think is now happening.

Gadafi: Thank you for the call Mr Blair. No one has told me that you tried to call me. I want to tell you the truth. It is not a difficult situation at all. The story is simply this: an organisation has laid down sleeping cells in North Africa. Called the Al Qaida Organisation in North Africa (Islamic Mahada?) They don't use the Arab words, they use Islamic. The sleeping cells in Libya are similar to dormant cells in America before 9/11. Out of the blue they were given instructions to attack police stations and to cause this disturbance. They managed to get weapons. Suddenly the buildings were attacked and fire exchanged. Very limited victims on both sides. The police were taken by surprise that they were attacked. It is not their tactic to have demonstrations, they are not that type. (he said something about 'similar to Afghanistan and Algeria). They have managed to get arms and terrify people. People can't leave their homes. They have been threatened with arms. They have managed to set up local stations and in Benghazi have spread thoughts and ideas of Al Qaeda. They want to name it Al Qaeda Emirates. The leader is a Guantanamo detainee called Al Hassadi (?). The US intelligence knows him. They handed him to us. His followers are Al Qaeda. (Islamic....Yumara?). It's a Jihad situation. They have arms and are terrorising people in the street. Once attack them, they run away. Not getting a true image. No foreign correspondence here. We have asked all world reporters to come and see the truth. They are armed gangs who have weapons. Not decided to face them with force, asking their families to convince them to lay down arms. Can't reason with them. They keep saying things like Mohammad is the profit. Similar to Bin Laden. They are paving the way for him in North Africa. They are paving the way for him in North Africa. Shift the system to North Africa. They are controlling the Mediterranean Sea. Plan is to ??? in the Mediterranean Sea. Ships and vessels of non-believers. Like in the day of Barbarossa and during the Ottoman Empire. They want to control the Mediterranean and then they will attack Europe. Need to explain to the international community. Reporters can come to make sure this is the truth, they are welcome. Once in their own hands, they slaughter them. Role to play regarding this matter, anyone who wants to find the truth, they can, the gates are open. We are all against terrorism. We have already made that alliance together. Provide us with needs so that we can fight this terrorism. Statements by EU and UNSC tell us they aren't aware of the truth and don't know what's going on. There are no reporters to convey the truth. We have not told the world what is taking place. No demonstrations whatsoever. Streets full of people supporting the revolution. Even their own families say please try to do something – they have arms and are intimidating us too. We need a friend. Explain the picture as you see it right now. Do some efforts with American's and EU. Work with them forcefully.

TB: First of all. I have spoken to people in American and Europe. I am speaking in a personal capacity. I want to offer what I think is a way through. It is essential that the violence stops and that there is an attempt to engage in peaceful dialogue with all the parties.

Gaddafi: What kind of violence?

TB: There has been bloodshed and violence. Put aside how this has come about. It is important to put in place a process that allows a peaceful way of dealing with this to come about.

Gaddafi: No violence, these people attacked police stations. There was an exchange of violence and these people fell.

TB: I understand what the leader is saying. I can help with the international community but can only do that if there is peaceful dialogue. No violence. The process for change has to happen in a peaceful way. Situations that can be resolved in a peaceful way. Desire for international community to see peaceful process. I would be happy to get that done but need the leader's agreement to do it.

Gaddafi: Fine but you must emphasize that the fight is against Al Qaeda. We are not fighting them, they are attacking us.

TB: Sure I understand that.

Gaddafi: Send reporters and politicians. Talk to them directly; see what kind of people they are and their connections to AQ.

TB: I understand the point about AQ. And we are as against AQ as anyone else.

Gaddafi: we have no problem with the Libyan people. They are hostages in Benghazi and ???. They are using force.

TB: but the way to deal with this is the Leader says and makes clear he wants a peaceful outcome to this. If he is agreeable I will relay this to the Americans and the Europeans. The Leader has to say:

“he is prepared to have a peaceful outcome and engage with the international community, including American and European to get a peaceful outcome.”

If he is prepared I will put the USA and EU in touch with the Leader.

Gaddafi: That's fine. Such a message was Obama in the same terms. I guess that Obama understood what's taking place. Once foreign reporters come here and portray the truth. They will see the whole truth.

TB: Important to get this thing right now, I appreciate you are under attack. Make sure as far as you can that no one else is killed, no further bloodshed is essential to getting the process I describe. If you can make sure I will speak to the USA and EU and work out a peaceful negotiations to get this resolved.

Gaddafi: Ok but hypothetically speaking: if they attack the compound or police station what is the situation?

TB: I appreciate the difficulty when you are under attack. But the use of airplanes to attack cities and the use of force against civilians – this has to stop otherwise it is impossible for the international community to act.

Gaddafi: Such things did not happen. They took the ammunitions. Now if they attack the military camps....

TB: I understand. What I will do is go to the USA now and the EU and talk to them. Must lower the temperature right now. I will try to come back with a firm proposal. Key thing is to lower the temperature. Need a number where we can get hold of you very quickly.

Gaddafi: ok.

TB: I will get back to you in the next two hours.

Gaddafi: Thank you