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Al-Qathafi: Union for the Mediterranean will Fail Squarely *This Project is Frightening, It is Dangerous*

Tripoli-- Speaking at a press conference in Tripoli on Wednesday, the Leader of the Revolution Muammar Al-Qathafi said the "Union for the Mediterranean" will be "a complete Failure."

He said this "union" was imposed on us and it would not represent the interests of the Arab or African peoples. "We shall have another Roman empire and imperialist design... There are imperialist maps and designs that we have already rolled up. We should not have them again."

This union, Al-Qathafi said, cannot survive because it carries within it contradicting forces which would lead to its downfall.

Al-Qathafi said he told the French President Sarkozy that the union should exclude states that have complicated problems so that the project would not fail. These are the Middle East states, the Asian states.

"I told him if this project is to be extended it needs to include - in addition to 5 + 5 - [Five southern Mediterranean states: Mauritania, Morocco, Algerian, Tunisia and Libya, and five southern European states: Malta, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal] 6 + 6 by adding Greece and Egypt. Others have problems and would not benefit this union. They will bring with them their problems and then this region will become a scene of conflict and waste of time," Al-Qathafi added.

"The Palestinian problem has not been solved and there is a conflict over land. Some call it Palestine and others call it Israel. They have not even agreed to settle the issue of land. Some say this is our land and others say that is ours. These are people who are now speaking to each other through missiles, bullets and massacres. This is the ongoing dialogue



The Leader of the Revolution Muammar Al-Qathafi speaks at a press conference on Wednesday in Tripoli.

between the Palestinians and the Israelis. Therefore, these are not qualified to be associated with us on cooperation, peace and stability and they are not qualified to join this project [Mediterranean union]. They must be excluded until the issue of the Middle East is solved," Al-Qathafi said.

The Union for the Mediterranean is suspicious. I would not get my people involved in such a murky affair of this kind. After all we are on good bilateral relations with France, Italy and the EU

and we do not need a "union".

"We cannot be a part of a union when we are different. Culturally we are different. In Scandinavia they walk naked and we do not do that in Libya, Egypt, Algeria and Tunisia. If we do so, we would be put in the hospital of the mentally retarded people.

Religiously we differ, while we believe in Jesus, they do not believe in Mohammad and make mockery of him and publish insulting cartoons about him. Politically we also differ."

"I believe this project would increase illegal migration and terrorism and give a justification to Islamist extremists to step up Jihad attacks. These extremists would explain it as crusade against Islam and European colonisation," he said.

"They will talk about jihad in Europe. This project is frightening. This project is dangerous. They will interpret it as a new crusade to contain Muslim forces. They will see it as a new colonialism and they will accuse the Arabs that they are

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Israel Kills a Palestinian in Gaza

Israeli troops shot dead an unarmed Palestinian on Thursday. Medical liaison office said they had been informed by the Israeli army that a Palestinian had been shot dead in the early morning near the Kissufim border crossing.

His body was later transferred to a Gaza hospital.

" Hamas and other factions are continuously evaluating the situation and will make the decisions that will secure the protection of our people," Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said after the Palestinian was killed.



The body of a Palestinian is wheeled into a hospital in the central Gaza Strip after he was killed by Israeli troops July 10, 2008.

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