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Responding to Al-Qathafi's Call for Peace, Tuareg Rebels Lay Down Arms

In answering the Leader of the Revolution's call for peace among Africans during his speech in Ubari last Sunday, Niger's Tuareg rebel leader Aghaly ag Alambo said his fighters would lay down their guns from last Monday, 18th of August, and, together with neighboring Mali's Tuareg rebels, would accept the Leader Muammar Al-Qathafi's

mediation.

He also said that from such date the sixty Niger's military prisoners held by his organization were considered completely in the hands of Al-Qathafi who could decide their fate which way he saw fit.

In his speech to Tuareg people in Ubari, the Leader urged an end to the

rebellion in Mali and Niger, saying more war would hurt the impoverished states and plunge a region unsettled by security and smuggling problems into turmoil.

"Why destroy the people who are with us? This is not imperialism or a foreign invasion. I tell my brothers, that if there was a benefit and a need to carry arms, I will be the first to arm you, train and fight

along with you," Al-Qathafi said.

Gaddafi said Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Chad, Libya and Algeria, where Tuaregs live, were Muslim states and represent "the Islamic weight of Africa, so why destroy it?" His comments were broadcast on state television and Libya's Jana news agency.

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Seif Al-Islam Al-Qathafi speaks to tens of thousands of Libyan youth at the city of Sebha, 20 August 2008. He highlighted the political and economic achievements of his efforts during the last few years and said the future of Libya looks brighter. He also said he would no longer intervene in politics. (AFP photo)

Second Cold War: US Demands Russia Leave Georgia "NOW"

In a change of voice and heightening between the US and Russia, Washington demanded on Thursday that Russia pull its troops out of Georgia "now". But Moscow responded by saying it would be another 10 days before the bulk of its force left Georgian soil.

A Russian news agency reported that Russia had temporarily frozen cooperation with the NATO alliance, though there was no immediate confirmation.

In some of Washington's toughest comments to date, the White House declared Russia in violation of its commitments to leave the territory of Georgia after routing Georgian forces in

a war that erupted two weeks ago.

U.S. impatience has been growing by the day as it waits for a full-scale pullout of troops and weaponry that Russia sent into

its small Caucasus neighbor two weeks ago to counter a Georgian attack on the Moscow-backed South Ossetia region.

The commander of Russia's ground forces said all troops sent

to reinforce Russian peacekeepers in South Ossetia would go back to Russian within 10 days.

Russia intends to keep 500

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