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A ten-day exhibition of the book of the Holy Quran was opened on Wednesday night at Tripoli International Fair. Among the items exhibited are the biggest book and the smallest along scripts that go back to over 700 years from various Islamic countries. Read story on page 4.

Libya Commemorates Omar Al-Mukhtar's Martyrdom

Libya on Tuesday 16 September commemorated the 77th anniversary of the death of the Libyan national hero and leader of national resistance Omar Al-Mukhtar who was



Omar Al-Mukhtar

hanged by the Italian occupiers on this day in 1931 in Solog, a desert town southwest of Benghazi.

The commemoration comes after 17 days from signing of the Libyan-Italian Treaty of Friendship, Partnership and Cooperation" and a public apology by the Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi on 30 August 2008 in Benghazi for damage inflicted by Italy during the colonial era. Italy also agreed to pay five-billion-dollar investment deal by way of compensation.

The Libyan news agency described the occasion by saying "commemorating this anniversary is a reminder to all Libyans of their history full of heroism and sacrifice by the

fathers and forefathers in defense of the honor of this land."

The Libyan government has decided to make the 16th of

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Worst Global Financial Crisis

The worst global financial crisis since the Great Depression forced the US Federal Reserve and central banks in other countries to pump billions of dollars into the world's banking system in an urgent bid to stop further damage.

The Fed plowed as much as \$180 billion into money markets overseas. At home, the New York Federal Reserve acted to ease a spike in overnight lending

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