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Libyan citizen Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, top left, is accompanied by Seif al-Islam Gaddafi upon his arrival at Ma'atiqa International Airport in Tripoli, Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009 after Scotland freed him on Thursday.

## Switzerland Publicly Apologizes to Libya

Tripoli-Switzerland publicly and officially apologized to Libya on Thursday for the unjustified arrest of Libyan diplomat Hannibal Muammar Al-Qathafi and his family by the Geneva police on 15 July 2008, the Libyan news agency JANA reported on.

Switzerland also apologized for actions undertaken by other Swiss

officials, JANA said.

In an agreement signed by the Swiss President Hans-Rudolf Merz in Tripoli on Thursday and the Secretary of the GPC Al-Baghdadi Al-Mahmoudi, Switzerland committed itself not to repeat such actions against Libyan officials and citizens.

Switzerland also said in the agreement that it will improve the treatment of Libyans and



Secretary of the GPC Al-Baghdadi Al-Mahmoudi, R, and Swiss President Hans-Rudolf Merz.

facilitate their procedures, agency reported the Libyan news

"We are apologizing for

what happened to Hannibal Gaddafi and the two sides agreed to form a committee to discuss the matter," Merz told reporters in Tripoli.

Al-Baghdadi said the apology and visit by the Swiss President was a beginning to addressing the matter.

"Both countries agree to set

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