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Soldiers from Libya and other African countries march during a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the First of September Revolution at the Green Square in Tripoli September 1, 2009. On the right, an Italian Air Force aerobatic team performs manoeuvres during the celebrations.

Libya Celebrates 40th Anniversary of Al-Fateh Revolution

Tripoli—Libya's celebrations of the 40th anniversary of Al-Fateh Revolution reached their climax Tuesday evening on the 1st of September with a parade, lavish dance spectacles and fighter jets streaking overhead.

In the presence of the Leader of the Revolution, Supreme Commander, Chairman of the African Union, and a large number of heads of state and governments and the high level delegations from across the globe the festivities took place.

Taking part in the international parade were symbolic infantry units of the AU member states armed forces and other countries, and symbolic infantry units of the armed people and public security.

The festivities drew leaders from Europe and South America. Also coincided with

the festivities the holding of the African Union summit which was attended by several African Heads of State and Government, demonstrated the importance the continent's leaders attached to issues of peace and security. The summit focused on three trouble spots -- Somalia, Sudan and the Great Lakes region -- while Madagascar also came up for discussion.

African leaders recognized that there is need for reconciliation among the warring and conflicting parties in the concerned countries.

The parties to the disputes were encouraged to pursue reconciliation and where peace agreements have previously been signed, these should be implemented to the letter without further delay. The Tripoli Plan of Action which

was adopted by the summit outlined a roadmap on how to achieve peace and security in the affected regions.

The summit agreed that the peacekeeping force in Somalia should be urgently increased to 8000 from 5000.

The parade was attended by President Ali Abdullah Saleh, of the Republic of Yemen, President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, of Algeria, President Zina El Abidine Ben Ali, of Tunisia, President Hugo Chavez, of Venezuela, Sheikh Hamad Ben Khalifa Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jabber Al-Sabah Amir of the State of Kuwait, King Abdalla II, of Jordan, President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, of Sudan, President

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