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E.U. opens office in Benghazi

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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The European Union has opened an office in the Libyan city of Benghazi. The opening is a huge show of support for the rebels fighting Muammar Gaddafi. The head of the EU's foreign policy, Catherine Ashton, made a speech at the opening ceremony. She said: "It is a great honour to formally open the EU office in Benghazi...I have seen the vision of the Libyan people today all around. I saw the posters as I came from the airport with the words, 'We have a dream'".

The Benghazi office will focus on non-humanitarian needs. EU representatives talked with officials from Libya's National Transitional Council about security, border management, the economy, health and education. Ms Ashton said the new office was a sign of the EU's "unflinching support for the Libyan people". Meanwhile, NATO launched another 49 missions near Tripoli. They hit ammunition dumps and air defence radars.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. opened an | a. support |
| 2. a huge show of | b. opening ceremony |
| 3. foreign | c. office |
| 4. made a speech at the | d. dream |
| 5. the vision of the | e. policy |
| 6. We have a | f. Libyan people |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. focus on non- | a. support |
| 2. talked with | b. and education |
| 3. the economy, health | c. officials |
| 4. the EU's unfaltering | d. radars |
| 5. NATO launched another | e. humanitarian needs |
| 6. air defence | f. 49 missions |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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The European Union has _____ in the Libyan city of Benghazi. The opening is _____ support for the rebels fighting Muammar Gaddafi. The head of the EU's foreign policy, Catherine Ashton, _____ at the opening ceremony. She said: "It is _____ to formally open the EU office in Benghazi...I have _____ the Libyan people today all around. I saw the posters as I came from the airport _____, 'We have a dream'".

The Benghazi office _____-humanitarian needs. EU representatives _____ from Libya's National Transitional Council about security, _____, the economy, health and education. Ms Ashton said the new _____ the EU's "unflinching support for the Libyan people". Meanwhile, NATO launched another _____ Tripoli. They hit ammunition dumps, and _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The European Union has opened an (1) _____ in the Libyan city of Benghazi. The opening is a huge show (2) _____ support for the rebels fighting Muammar Gaddafi. The (3) _____ of the EU's foreign policy, Catherine Ashton, made a speech at the (4) _____ ceremony. She said: "It is a great honour to formally open the EU office in Benghazi...I have seen the vision of the Libyan people today (5) _____ around. I saw the posters (6) _____ I came from the airport with the words, 'We have a dream'".

The Benghazi office will focus (7) _____ non-humanitarian needs. EU representatives talked (8) _____ officials from Libya's National Transitional Council about security, border management, the economy, (9) _____ and education. Ms Ashton said the new office was a (10) _____ of the EU's "unflinching support for the Libyan people". (11) _____, NATO launched another 49 missions near Tripoli. They (12) _____ ammunition dumps and air defence radars.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) offices | (b) official | (c) office |
| 2. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) to |
| 3. | (a) neck | (b) body | (c) head |
| 4. | (a) opens | (b) opening | (c) opened |
| 5. | (a) all | (b) whole | (c) every |
| 6. | (a) was | (b) has | (c) as |
| 7. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) at |
| 8. | (a) from | (b) and | (c) with |
| 9. | (a) healthy | (b) health | (c) healthier |
| 10. | (a) poster | (b) sign | (c) banner |
| 11. | (a) However | (b) Meanwhile | (c) Although |
| 12. | (a) crashed | (b) punched | (c) hit |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. onedep an office
2. a huge show of otpuspr
3. the EU's nfgeiro policy
4. opening nyerocem
5. a great unhroo
6. I saw the opstres

Paragraph 2

7. talked with flaifsioc
8. dboerr management
9. health and uontceiad
10. another 49 issonism
11. They hit ammunition dpmus
12. air defence saradr

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () came from the airport with the words, 'We have a dream'".
- () with officials from Libya's National Transitional Council about security, border
- () of support for the rebels fighting Muammar Gaddafi. The head of the EU's foreign
- () The Benghazi office will focus on non-humanitarian needs. EU representatives talked
- () management, the economy, health and education. Ms Ashton said the new
- () the Libyan people". Meanwhile, NATO launched another 49
- () honour to formally open the EU office in Benghazi...I have seen the
- () vision of the Libyan people today all around. I saw the posters as I
- (**1**) The European Union has opened an office in the Libyan city of Benghazi. The opening is a huge show
- () missions near Tripoli. They hit ammunition dumps and air defence radars.
- () office was a sign of the EU's "unflinching support for
- () policy, Catherine Ashton, made a speech at the opening ceremony. She said: "It is a great

WORD JUMBLE

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. office an opened has Union European The.

2. of support A for huge the show rebels.

3. speech a Made ceremony opening the at.

4. EU the open Formally Benghazi in office.

5. the posters as I came from the airport I saw.

6. The Benghazi office will focus on non-humanitarian needs.

7. Council Transitional National Libya's from Officials

8. the was said office sign Ashton new a Ms.

9. people support for The the EU's Libyan unfaltering.

10. Tripoli near missions 49 another launched NATO.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. BENGHAZI: Search the Internet and find more information about Benghazi. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Benghazi. Include imaginary interviews with people who live there. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to the EU's foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton. Ask her three questions about Libya. Give her three of your opinions on Libya. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.