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## Arab League, Egypt back Libya rebels

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Most of the world is now waiting for Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to accept defeat. Gaddafi came to power 42 years ago and shows no signs of leaving. He continually tells reporters that he will "fight to the end" and die in his country. U.S. President Barack Obama said Gaddafi had to quit to end the killing in Libya. He said Gaddafi must accept his "rule has come to an end". Many Libyans think the rebels will capture Gaddafi soon. They control most of the capital Tripoli and are searching the city for Gaddafi and his family.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110823-arab\\_league.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110823-arab_league.html)

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Libya's National Transitional | a. in the history        |
| 2. shown their support           | b. backing               |
| 3. offered his full              | c. for the NTC           |
| 4. a historic                    | d. government's decision |
| 5. a milestone                   | e. moment                |
| 6. overjoyed with his            | f. Council (NTC)         |

## Paragraph 2

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the world is now  | a. to an end      |
| 2. accept            | b. of leaving     |
| 3. shows no signs    | c. of the capital |
| 4. fight to          | d. waiting        |
| 5. his rule has come | e. the end        |
| 6. They control most | f. defeat         |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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Most of the \_\_\_\_\_ for Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to accept defeat. Gaddafi came to power 42 years ago and shows \_\_\_\_\_. He continually tells reporters that he will "\_\_\_\_\_ " and die in his country. U.S. President Barack Obama said Gaddafi had \_\_\_\_\_ killing in Libya. He said Gaddafi must accept his "rule has come to an end". Many Libyans think the \_\_\_\_\_ Gaddafi soon. They control most of the capital Tripoli and are \_\_\_\_\_ for Gaddafi and his family.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The Arab League and Egypt have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ said they back Libya's National Transitional Council (NTC). It is the first time they have (2) \_\_\_\_\_ their support for the NTC, which is controlled (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the rebels fighting Colonel Gaddafi. Arab League boss Nabil Elaraby offered his (4) \_\_\_\_\_ backing to the rebels. He said: "This is a historic moment that marks a milestone in the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Libyan people." Egypt also said it accepted the NTC as Libya's new government. Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Amr said he was "(6) \_\_\_\_\_" with his government's decision.

Most of the world is now waiting for Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ defeat. Gaddafi came to power 42 years ago and shows no signs of leaving. He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ tells reporters that he will "fight to the end" and die in his country. U.S. President Barack Obama said Gaddafi had to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to end the killing in Libya. He said Gaddafi must accept his "rule has come to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ end". Many Libyans think the rebels will capture Gaddafi soon. They control (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the capital Tripoli and are searching the city (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Gaddafi and his family.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                 |                |                |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) both        | (b) every      | (c) all        |
| 2.  | (a) shows       | (b) showed     | (c) shown      |
| 3.  | (a) at          | (b) by         | (c) of         |
| 4.  | (a) fill        | (b) fall       | (c) full       |
| 5.  | (a) historian   | (b) history    | (c) historical |
| 6.  | (a) joyous      | (b) overjoyed  | (c) joy ride   |
| 7.  | (a) accepted    | (b) acceptance | (c) accept     |
| 8.  | (a) continually | (b) continue   | (c) continuous |
| 9.  | (a) quite       | (b) quiet      | (c) quit       |
| 10. | (a) an          | (b) a          | (c) no         |
| 11. | (a) many        | (b) most       | (c) lot        |
| 12. | (a) for         | (b) as         | (c) to         |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. shown their pptusro
2. the rebels tiinghgf Colonel Gaddafi
3. offered his full kbigacn
4. a historic etnomm
5. it eptdcae the NTC
6. his government's isindceo

## Paragraph 2

7. accept tefed
8. shows no signs of iglavne
9. end the ilgilnk
10. the rebels will acetrup Gaddafi
11. They lcorton most of the capital
12. hcgirsaen the city

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110823-arab\\_league.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110823-arab_league.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) the rebels. He said: "This is a historic moment that marks a milestone in the history of the Libyan
- ( ) people." Egypt also said it accepted the NTC as Libya's new government. Egyptian Foreign
- ( ) end". Many Libyans think the rebels will capture Gaddafi soon. They control
- ( ) defeat. Gaddafi came to power 42 years ago and shows no signs of leaving. He continually tells
- ( ) Most of the world is now waiting for Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to accept
- ( **1** ) The Arab League and Egypt have both said they back Libya's National Transitional Council (NTC). It is the first
- ( ) Minister Mohamed Amr said he was "overjoyed" with his government's decision.
- ( ) said Gaddafi had to quit to end the killing in Libya. He said Gaddafi must accept his "rule has come to an
- ( ) most of the capital Tripoli and are searching the city for Gaddafi and his family.
- ( ) time they have shown their support for the NTC, which is controlled by the rebels
- ( ) reporters that he will "fight to the end" and die in his country. U.S. President Barack Obama
- ( ) fighting Colonel Gaddafi. Arab League boss Nabil Elaraby offered his full backing to

# WORD JUMBLE

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

1. have The shown first their time support they.

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2. his rebels full backing Elaraby to offered the.

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3. history Libyan A the the in of people milestone.

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4. Libya's as NTC the Accepted government new.

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5. decision government's his with overjoyed was He.

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6. world the of Most waiting now is.

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7. to came Gaddafi ago years 42 power.

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8. end He fight the will to.

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9. to killing quit to Gaddafi end had the.

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10. The will Gaddafi rebels capture soon.

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## **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. LIBYA:** Search the Internet and find more information about Libya. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Libya. Include imaginary interviews with Libyans in Tripoli. 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 A Libyan rebel. Ask him/her three questions about Libya. Give him/her three of your opinions on the Arab Spring. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.