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Report: Israel company recruiting Gadhafi mercenaries



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TEL AVIV, Israel (Ma'an) -- An Israeli company is recruiting mercenaries to support Moammar Gadhafi's efforts to suppress an uprising against his regime, an Israeli news site said Tuesday.

Citing Egyptian sources, the Hebrew-language news site Inyan Merkazi said the company was run by retired Israeli army commanders.

The report claims that many high-profile former Israeli officers have been illegally trading weapons in several African nations, and have faced interrogations over their activities in the past.

The news site said the head of the company recently met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Ehud Barak and Israeli intelligence chief Aviv Cokhavi. It added that the officials all approved the company's recruitment of mercenaries to help Gadhafi.

The leader's brutal crackdown has killed at least 1,000 Libyans so far, human rights groups say.

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According to the report, Israeli officials approved the recruitment out of fears that if toppled, Gadhafi would be replaced by an "extremist Islamic regime."

During Gadhafi's four-decade rule of the north African state, he has been one of Israel's most vocal critics.

Company representatives recently flew to Chad to discuss the matter with a high-ranking Libyan intelligence officer Abdullah Sanusi, the report said. During the meeting, Sanusi agreed to pay the company to recruit up to 50,000 mercenaries from African countries, according to the news site.



■ COMMENTS ..

1) Fadel / Nablus

02/03/2011 04:34

also kassafi's saif is in an relationship with a zionist whore who i would not like to mention...

2) marge / USA

02/03/2011 13:10

No surprise that Apartheid, Zionazi Israel would try to protect Gadhfi to deny the Libyans democracy. The Apartheid, Zionazi State wants to remain the only democracy and superpower in the ME. This is racist State that tried to sell Apartheid South Africa nuclear bombs to suppress black South Africans and maintain its Apartheid System.

Bet the US, UN, and EU will not criticize or warn the Apartheid, Zionazi State against meddling in the internal affairs of Libya and trying to cause civil war.

3) Tony B? / ME

02/03/2011 14:20

"Citing Egyptian sources". They key part of the article that tells us we can dismiss it as anti-Israeli propaganda.

4) David Mivasair / Canada

02/03/2011 20:32

Would you provide a link to the original story? That would make it easier for us to get to the source. Thanks! David

5) David Mivasair / Canada

02/03/2011 20:39

Be careful with your credibility. I just read the Hebrew article in ????. It never names the

Egyptian source of the report or the name of the company. So, honestly, it makes me doubt the credibility of the report. That doesn't help my sense of your credibility. Where does this report originate? Without knowing that, I cannot rely on it. I'm saying this to be helpful, not critical. I appreciate what you are doing, but hope you'll be more careful for your own credibility. David

6) Colin / World

02/03/2011 22:40

Yeah, this doesn't sound made up.... I can't wait to hear what else Israel will be blamed for tomorrow.

7) Barbara / USA

03/03/2011 06:53

I'm no big fan of the Israeli government, but it would be pretty stupid of any Israeli corporate entity to participate in this atrocity. Then again they might be inured to atrocities...

8) Jay / USA

03/03/2011 12:15

I want to see the "documents" that are cited in this article. I'm not going to put this past Israel, but multiple times did this article say something along the lines of "Official Israeli documents say...". If these documents say so, produce the documents.

9) abdumia / south africa

03/03/2011 19:47

Gadaffi is descended from jews on his grandmother's side. So is it not Israel's duty to help propping him up?

10) Amos Elroy / USA

03/03/2011 20:43

Despicable behavior by any commercial military company, be it Israeli, American, Australian or any.

If the allegations are true regarding the seal of approval from the Israeli security services, this would be sufficient grounds for demanding resignation and a step down of the responsible individuals.

It is however rather cheap to attribute such an unethical act to Israel as an entity. I assure you if this news item was more widely circulated & publicized, most Israelis would be appalled.

11) Amos Elroy / USA

03/03/2011 22:24

Is this board filtered for content conforming to a particular slant, or is it a place for open discussion. I have posted a comment that has never made it to the page. What gives?

Amos

12) Lou / France

03/03/2011 23:47

Mondoweiss: <http://mondoweiss.net/2011/03/report-israel-company-recruiting-gadhafi-mercenaries.html> Report about Israeli recruiting of mercenaries from Al Jazeera Arabic <http://www.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/C36A7C61-8874-4D82-9CC2-4886B4E58739.htm> Hebrew report about Israeli recruiting of mercenaries from Israeli press <http://www.news-israel.net>

13) Joe / Spain

04/03/2011 01:54

And for what reason? I mean... really? Israel killing innocents in Palestine is one thing but.. in Libya? WTF? Why would Israel have any interest in doing that? Really, I expected more seriousness by Ma'an. Now I don't know if I can really believe everything posted here any more.

14) SaloneBoy / UK

04/03/2011 12:59

You can understand that a parent doesn't want to throw the baby out with the dirty water, but there comes a time when the USA and Britain MUST condemn their wayward child. Israel is now synonymous with ALL is bad and dangerous in this world. I am almost looking forward to the day when Israel is challenged militarily and it's subservient people suffer the hurt their government is passing on to others.

15) Amos / USA

04/03/2011 19:15

I looked further into the story & my conclusion is it's completely bogus.

1. Aljazeera Arabic reported it in the manner of "When did you stop beating your wife?" There is no source for the story, instead they talk about the Israeli General denying the story.
2. The so called Israeli news paper turns out to be a made up publication. It is strictly a copy of the popular Israeli (<http://Ynet.co.il>) and the other articles are verbatim pastes from that publication.

Very dissapointed in Maan!

16) Medina / Morocco

05/03/2011 15:24

"Egyptian sources" is not a clear source. I am a "Moroccan source" and I can tell you that everyone blames everything on Israel (and also America when that is easier). A lot of things happen here everyday and people blame it on the Jews and Israel when there is absolutely No connection. Just a few weeks ago an American reporter in Egypt was beaten simply because they thought she was Jewish. There is a lot of hate, fear, and distrust in the world and I think Israel is a very easy target. Too easy

17) rnick / usa

06/03/2011 08:11

Need more detail, facts, etc

18) girlgeek / usa

06/03/2011 10:08

In response to: 9) abduimia / south africa 03/03/2011 19:47 Gadaffi is descended from jews on his grandmother's side. So is it not Israel's duty to help propping him up No, it is not Israel's duty to prop him up. The jails in Israel contain Jewish criminals. They are not excused because they are Jews.

19) Vincent / USA

06/03/2011 14:42

Israel was "joined at the hip" with APARTHEID South Africa, and is currently building an apartheid wall around itself. Libya was part of the Israeli/South Africa weapons testing program, which would explain the Israeli support. I bet there are "RECORDS" in Libya that Israel does not want falling into the hands of FREEDOM loving People.

20) jojo from kosher canada / toronto

06/03/2011 20:53

Believe it not-Israel is a USA FUNDED private run military state.USA could include it as 51 st but the killings of Arabs would be blamed on USA at UN.

I read some folks here regarding not enough SOLID info--what kind would please you?--Sept.11.2001 attacks were all Israel Firster's doing but same folks like solid proff and no other than jr.Bush's sworn statement or dick Cheney. Creation of Israel was planned long time caused WW1 and WWII. Not only did Europeans suffer so did Arabs.Wake-up

21) not fooled / USA

06/03/2011 22:59

"were the victims, no seriously!! holocaust™!!! anti-semite!!!! wahhhhhhhhhh, shining beacon of democracy!!" yep another day in apartheid, racist, chosen one israel, wonder how much money US taxpayers are bleeding so another tinpot dictator can be held up for our satellite squatter "state"

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