

# Nations flock to help Libyan refugees

AP, Geneva

Britain, France and the group of 57 Islamic nations each launched refugee operations yesterday as UN experts warned of an urgent need to prevent racially charged violent clashes among a crush of people fleeing Libya to Tunisia and Egypt.

With more than 140,000 refugees pouring over the borders and tens of thousands more arriving by the day, Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron said his nation had launched an airlift to help Egyptians stranded on the Libyan-Tunisia border.

"These people shouldn't be kept in transit camps," Cameron said of the Egyptians that are to be flown back to their country, with the first flight scheduled for later yesterday.

France, too, announced an airlift and naval operation. The French Foreign Ministry said it would involve large airliners and a French Navy ship heading to the region to evacuate at least 5,000 Egyptian refugees and return them to Egypt within a week.

France is also "studying means to provide tents and emergency equipment to vulnerable people" who remain in Libya, it said.

The 57-nation Organisation of The Islamic Conference said yesterday it would set up two fully equipped field hospitals and provide ambulances on the Tunisian and Egyptian sides of their borders with Libya.

The group's emergency plan also called for providing temporary shelters for 10,000 people and handing out flour, sugar, rice, canned food and infant

formula to the vast number of refugees camping out in those places.

UN experts warned yesterday of an urgent need to protect sub-Saharan Africans, foreigners, migrant workers and other minorities caught up in a fast-developing humanitarian crisis.

A statement issued yesterday by the UN committee responsible for monitoring racial discrimination worldwide says the UN and its member governments must act to prevent further bloodshed.

The committee's 18 independent human rights experts - who oversee a 1969 treaty that is the main international legal instrument protecting against discrimination on the basis of race - formally alerted the world's nations to "the risk of interethnic violence and divisions which might worsen the deteriorating situation in Libya."



PHOTO: AFP

The USS Kearsarge warship transits through the Suez Canal in the Egyptian port of Ismailia yesterday carrying marines and equipment en route to Libya, as the United States and Europe piled pressure on Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi. Another warship the USS Ponce also passed the Suez Canal to enforce a possible no fly zone over Libya.

## Arabs to reject foreign intervention

AFP, Cairo

Arab foreign ministers meeting in Cairo yesterday will reject foreign intervention in Libya, a senior Arab League official said, as the West considered military action.

The Cairo meeting, attended by foreign ministers and representatives of the 22-member body, is to focus on unrest in Libya where fighting between loyalists of leader Muammar Gaddafi and anti-regime forces has killed about 1,000 people.

"The Arab League council will issue a resolution stressing Arab rejection of any foreign military intervention in Libya," said Arab League spokesman.

The league would also stress its support for "the unity and security of Libyan territory," he said.

## I Coast fighting spreads to S Abidjan

ABIDJAN, Reuters

Explosions rocked the southern Abidjan suburb of Koumassi overnight and yesterday, as fighting between insurgents seeking to oust Ivory Coast's Laurent Gbagbo and security forces spread to new areas of the main city.

Security in the world's top cocoa grower is deteriorating, with gun battles between rival forces most of last week and hostilities resuming across a north-south ceasefire line that had been largely quiet since a 2002-3 war ended in stalemate.

Ivory Coast has been in turmoil since a disputed November election between Gbagbo and his rival Alassane Ouattara, who won the poll according to UN-certified results that Gbagbo has refused to concede.

Fighting has mostly been restricted to northern pro-Ouattara suburb of Abobo, where an insurgent force calling itself the invisible commandos has seized control of most of the territory and forced out pro-Gbagbo security forces.

Gunfire has also been heard much closer to the central business district. Across the other side of town, residents of Koumassi said fierce fighting had flared up there too.

"Since last night there have been a lot of military on the streets. They said they are looking for insurgents who have infiltrated the neighbourhood," said student Eloise Kouassi. "The traffic is dead: everyone is staying in."

## South Sudan rebel clashes kill 40 soldiers

AFP, Juba

Some 40 soldiers have been killed in heavy fighting in south Sudan between the southern army and forces of renegade general George Athor, officials said yesterday.

"There were clashes for the past two days after Athor's men attacked our forces," said Philip Aguer, of the south's Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

However, rebel leader George Athor said just short of 100 people died in the latest fighting in the south's Jonglei state -- where France's Total oil giant is due to start exploring.

The clashes, which began on Monday in the region of Fangak in northern Jonglei state, are the latest in a series of bloody battles between the militia and army in past weeks.

## Nato allies divided over policing Libya's skies

AFP, Brussels

Nato allies were split yesterday on deploying an air mission to police Libya's skies, with fears raised about angering the Arab street in a complex operation requiring bombing raids.

As forces loyal to Muammar Gaddafi reportedly launched air strikes on a rebel-controlled town in eastern Libya, ambassadors from the 28-nation alliance's decision-making body, the North Atlantic Council, were to discuss the Libyan upheaval at a regular meeting in Brussels, a Nato official told AFP.

The United States and Britain have raised the possibility of creating a no-fly zone to prevent Muammar Gaddafi from launching air raids against his own people, with London claiming that a UN mandate was not necessarily needed.

France however has insisted any military action would require UN backing.

"There is no unanimity within Nato for the use of armed forces," US Defence Secretary Robert Gates said in Washington.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe raised

concerns about how any operation would be viewed in an Arab world facing popular revolts against autocratic regimes.

"I don't know what would be the reaction on the Arab street, if Arabs around the Mediterranean saw Nato forces landing on southern Mediterranean territory," he said. "I think that could be extremely counter-productive."

Turkey, an influential Nato member with a majority Muslim population, rejected the idea of military action in Libya, saying the alliance could only intervene when one of its members is attacked.

"This would be absurd," Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said during a visit in Germany this week, according to Anatolia news agency. "Nato has no business being there."

"We are opposed to such a scenario. Such an eventuality is unthinkable," he said.

The United States has not ruled out enforcing a no-fly zone over Libya but military brass warned this would first require bombing the Gaddafi regime's radar and missile defences.


## Nato apologises over Afghan civilian deaths

AFP, Asadabad

The commander of international troops in Afghanistan, General David Petraeus, said yesterday he was "deeply sorry" for the deaths of nine civilians in a coalition air strike.

Petraeus's personal apology came hours after President Hamid Karzai issued an angry statement saying nine young children died in Tuesday's strike as they collected firewood in Darah-Ye Pech district of northeastern Kunar province.

Civilian casualties in foreign military operations against the Taliban have been high on Afghanistan's political agenda recently, highlighting tensions between Karzai and the West before a planned limited withdrawal of foreign troops from July.



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- Candidates can apply for more than one subject in separate application forms provided they are eligible.
- Last date for the submission of the forms: 31st March 2011
- Seats Reserved for- SC - 15%; ST - 7.5%; OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)- 27%; DA - 3%
- Any candidate who is appearing or going to appear the final year qualifying examinations can also apply.
- Examination Schedules:

Saturday, 7th May 2011 (10 AM to 1 PM)	Saturday, 7th May 2011 (2 PM to 5 PM)	Sunday, 8th May 2011 (10 AM to 1 PM)	Sunday, 8th May 2011 (2 PM to 5 PM)
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- Publication of merit list and commencement of admission : 1st June 2011

Detailed information regarding admission procedure and eligibility, etc. is given in the Prospectus-cum-Application Form 2011-12 which can be obtained from the Sikkim University administrative building, located at 6th Mile Tadong, Gangtok from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm till 31st March 2011 against cash payment of Rs.250/- . It can also be obtained by post by paying Demand Draft of Rs.275/- in favour of SIKKIM UNIVERSITY, Gangtok. Applicants can also download the forms from SIKKIM UNIVERSITY website.

- Important Dates to remember:

Last date for submission of filled application form along with Demand Draft	31st March 2011
Date of entrance examination	7th and 8th May 2011
Publication of merit list	1st June 2011
Registration of candidates selected (First List)	1st - 15th June 2011
Registration of candidates in Waiting List- I (Second List)	15th - 22nd June 2011
Registration of candidates in Waiting List-II (Third List)	22nd - 29th June 2011
Viva-Voce for the short listed MPhil / PhD candidates	15th - 25th June 2011
Registration for MPhil / PhD Students	15th June 2011- 1st July 2011

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