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Libya: Gaddafi's son warns of "rivers of blood"

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THE ARTICLE

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Hundreds of people have been killed in Libya since protests began six days ago. One doctor reports there are over 200 dead bodies in his hospital in the second largest city of Benghazi. Another doctor from Benghazi's Jalah hospital said they were receiving a non-stop flow of victims: "This is not a well-equipped hospital and these injuries come in waves. All are very serious injuries, involving the head, the chest and the abdomen. They are bullet injuries from high-velocity rifles," he said. The unrest in Libya started there but is now breaking out in other cities, including the capital Tripoli. Protestors in Benghazi showed off anti-aircraft guns they had taken from the military. There are also reports that an army division in the city has gone over to the people's side.

WARM-UPS

1. LIBYA'S UNREST: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Libya's unrest. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

rivers of blood / civil war / ousted / protesting / out of control / violence / weeping / 200 dead bodies / victims / bullet injuries / anti-aircraft guns / army division

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. OUSTED: What will it take to oust Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change again.

	Actions needed	Likelihood of those happening
Gaddafi's allies		
Libyan people		
Libya's military		
Twitter / Facebook		
Western powers		
Arab powers		

4. CHANGE: Students A **strongly** believe change will come to all countries in the region; Students B **strongly** believe it won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. OPPOSITES: What are the opposites to these words? Which ones apply to Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi? Share your ideas with your partner(s). Change and share again.

- democratic
- rational
- sane
- humane
- logical
- approachable
- caring
- intelligent

6. BULLET: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'bullet'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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|---|-------|
| a. Colonel Gaddafi's son has taken over power from his father in Libya. | T / F |
| b. Seif Gaddafi said his father was too strong to be removed from power. | T / F |
| c. Seif suggested the government would fight to the very end. | T / F |
| d. He said the violence in Libya would be worse than that in Iraq. | T / F |
| e. One doctor reports seeing over 300 bodies in his hospital. | T / F |
| f. A doctor from Benghazi's Jalah hospital has yet to see any casualties. | T / F |
| g. Protestors have got hold of anti-aircraft guns from the Army. | T / F |
| h. Many soldiers in Benghazi have decided to side with the protestors. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. statement | a. deposed |
| 2. protestors | b. erupting |
| 3. ousted | c. continuous |
| 4. stop | d. grave |
| 5. weep | e. address |
| 6. non-stop | f. cry |
| 7. serious | g. cease |
| 8. velocity | h. paraded |
| 9. breaking out | i. demonstrators |
| 10. showed off | j. speed |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. in a televised | a. be ousted |
| 2. Libya was in danger of civil | b. in other cities |
| 3. too strong to | c. flow of victims |
| 4. We will fight to | d. of thousands of dead |
| 5. we will weep over hundreds | e. injuries |
| 6. One doctor reports there are | f. war |
| 7. receiving a non-stop | g. people's side |
| 8. All are very serious | h. the last minute |
| 9. breaking out | i. statement |
| 10. gone over to the | j. over 200 dead bodies |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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Hundreds of people have been killed in Libya since (9) _____ began six days ago. One doctor reports there are over 200 dead bodies in his hospital in the (10) _____ largest city of Benghazi. Another doctor from Benghazi's Jalah hospital said they were receiving a non-stop flow of (11) _____: "This is not a well-equipped hospital and these injuries come in waves. All are very (12) _____ injuries, involving the head, the chest and the abdomen. They are bullet injuries from (13) _____-velocity rifles," he said. The unrest in Libya started there but is now (14) _____ out in other cities, including the capital Tripoli. Protestors in Benghazi (15) _____ off anti-aircraft guns they had taken from the military. There are also reports that an army division in the city has gone over to the people's (16) _____.

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'river' and 'blood'.

river	blood

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• warned• civil• chilly• control• worse• weep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• since• second• well• serious• breaking• side
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STUDENT LIBYA'S UNREST SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Libya's unrest in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

LIBYA'S UNREST DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Libya'?
- c) What do you think of the unrest in Libya?
- d) What TV and newspaper pictures have struck you most?
- e) What do you think of Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi?
- f) What message would you like to give to the Libyan people?
- g) Why do you think Gaddafi's son told the people the government would fight to the last bullet?
- h) Do you think there really would be violence in Libya worse than in Iraq?
- i) What do you think Gaddafi thinks of the unrest?
- j) Will the regime in Libya be the next to fall?

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LIBYA'S UNREST DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) What should the international community do about the unrest?
- c) What should neighbouring Arab countries do about the unrest?
- d) Why do you think a leader orders troops to fire on citizens?
- e) Do you think Gaddafi's tactics will make the Libyan people end their protests?
- f) Why are the people protesting?
- g) What would make you protest and risk being injured or killed?
- h) What do you think the situation in Libya will be like this time next week?
- i) How will North Africa / the Middle East be different this time next year?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. (a) of | (b) to | (c) at | (d) from |
| 2. (a) oust | (b) ousting | (c) ousted | (d) ousts |
| 3. (a) chills | (b) chill | (c) chilli | (d) chilly |
| 4. (a) in | (b) out | (c) in | (d) up |
| 5. (a) disappear | (b) dead | (c) stop | (d) lose |
| 6. (a) across | (b) through | (c) over | (d) via |
| 7. (a) death | (b) dead | (c) died | (d) dies |
| 8. (a) flow | (b) flaw | (c) flew | (d) flown |
| 9. (a) involving | (b) involves | (c) involved | (d) involve |
| 10. (a) speed | (b) strong | (c) high | (d) bullet |
| 11. (a) on | (b) in | (c) up | (d) off |
| 12. (a) back | (b) side | (c) top | (d) front |

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WRITING

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Write about **Libya's unrest** for 10 minutes. Correct your partner's paper.

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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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Libya's unrest. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. UNREST: Make a poster about the unrest in North Africa and the Middle East . Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. LIBYA: Write a magazine article about Libya's unrest. Include imaginary interviews with government and pro-democracy supporters.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi. Ask him three questions about Libya's unrest. Give him three suggestions on what he should do from now. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. T c. T d. T e. F f. F g. T h. T

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GAP FILL:

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LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - a 2 - c 3 - d 4 - b 5 - d 6 - c 7 - b 8 - a 9 - a 10 - c 11 - d 12 - b

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