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Libya Update

[REDACTED] Qadhafi is in Sebha...has communications link to Tripoli radio and TV. [REDACTED] 707's associated with Qadhafi have departed Sebha and are now in Tripoli. Despite the VIP flight activity to and from Sebha and military reinforcement of the area, [REDACTED] no confirmation of Qadhafi's location or physical condition.

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[REDACTED] armed Libyan civilians and armed dissident members of Libyan Revolutionary Committees are attacking Loyalist Revolutionary Committee personnel throughout the Tripoli area as of early this morning...shooting occurring in and around Bab Al-Azizziya barracks, and elsewhere in city. The attacks seem to be leaderless and generalized.

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[REDACTED] CNN continues to report sporadic street fighting this morning. [REDACTED]

Moroccan intelligence claims it knows of certain unnamed Libyan military officers who are impatiently waiting for tension to flare so they can take up arms.

Libyan media is continuing the pattern of coverage established during the first day of the crisis...focusing on virulent condemnation of the US and calling for retribution.

There has been no significant Libyan or Soviet military activity overnight, and State Department has received no indications that any reprisals are being carried out against US citizens in Libya. (TSC)

[REDACTED] CNN;  
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