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Italian Socialist Party Backs Libya Over Estates

TRIPOLI (LNA) — "Libyan Government's measures is a confirmation of sovereignty," this was the title of an article written recently

by the Italian journalist George Miliardi, member of the international office of the Italian Socialist Party. The writer described

restoration of Italian properties to the Libyan people as part of measures taken by the Libyan revolution to confirm its sovereignty and elimi-

nate remnants of colonialism and imperialism. The Italian intellectual, who published his article in the party's organ "Mondo Nova"

said that Italian properties in Libya were the result of a colonial war, during which Libya paid a high price.

Libya's real independence was not in 1951, but was in September 1969, when the revolution toppled the monarchy to replace it with a government with determination to liberate the country completely, he added.

Finally, on July 9, corresponding to the date of the Italian invasion in 1912, Colonel Qathafi settled the debt with Italy when he asked all those who came to Libya with colonial purposes to leave.

He disclosed dirty methods used by the invaders to steel Libyan's land and wealth, and added: "in turn these Italians became victims today of the Italian colonialism and the Italian government alone is responsible."

Concluding his article, the Italian writer said latest Libyan actions finally eliminated for ever fascist oppression that struck Libya.

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Revealing Italian crimes against the people of Libya, he quoted a report made by a study mission of the international bank for development and reconstruction, which said: "Libyans were driven away from the best of their lands, a great number of Libyans were killed, and Italian products used to compete with local handicrafts industry."

"The Italians have done nothing to train Libyans to govern themselves. Instead, they destroyed education and vocational training and pushed all Libyan away from administrative positions, which lead them to depend on foreign experts and technicians."

He attacked the Italian government and press because they were "not able to rid their minds of colonialism," something that would not lead to new relations and co-operation based on mutual respect.

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