

Gaddafi forces strike deeper come up with incentives. "We believe this is an ambitious programme and it also shows strong support from the GCC," UAE Foreign Minister Shakh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan told

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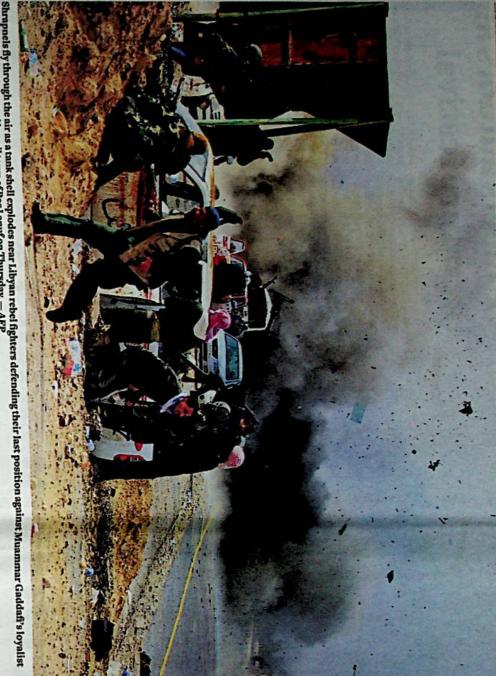
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Libyan rebel fighters nursday. — AFP

Rebels vow to fight on

aboldened by French cognition, the National uncil urges West to pose a no-fly zone

e recognised the National Lib-ncil as the legitimate represen-f Libya's people on Thursday, country to make the move.

There was celebratory gunfire and heering on the streets outside the courthouse where the rebels are based when news came of Paris' decision. People in cars honked their horns.

she said.

d "If we are bearing arms, it is just to le defend ourselves. Everything he (Gadd dafi) says about Al Qaeda is his propaganda. Hillary Clinton said she was worried about Al Qaeda, of civil war. But it is just us against this (Gaddafi) family.

No-fly zone may have limited impact: US

An order signed by President Dmitry Medvedev "bans the export from the Russian Federation to Libya as well as the sale, delivery and transfer... of all types of arms and related materials, including weapons and ammunition, combat vehicles and military hardware", it said. Russia, the world's second-largest arms exporter after the United States, was one of the main suppliers of weapons to Libya.

A senior Russian arms official said last week the unrest in Libya had cost Moscow \$4 billion in arms deals. The daily Kommersant cited a source last week as saying Russia had \$2 billion worth of arms contracts with Libya and was close to concluding deals to sell military aircraft and anti-aircraft missiles worth another \$1.8 billion. — Reuters

they were repressed like us.
On purchasing more weapons for rebel fighters, she said: "Of course. All options are on the table."
Talking about diplomacy to gain rec-

Russia bans arms sales to Libya

scow — Russia will ban all weapons sales to Libya, the Kremlin said in a tement on Thursday, effectively suspending its arms contracts with the rernment of Muammar Gaddafi.

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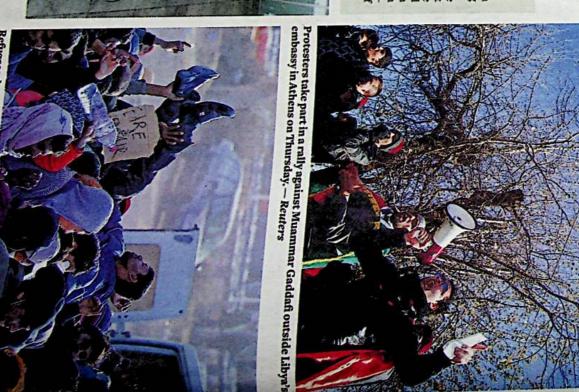
reporters missing British and Brazilian





a said that beginning the flights would require an assault on Libyan air defences, the astep tantamount to war. Obama officials consistently have warned of the costs and the risks. In order to ground the Libyan air force and thereby providing air cover for the rebels US and allied countries' aircraft would first attack Libya's anti-aircraft would first attack Libya's anti-aircraft adefences. Freed of the threat of being shotdown, US and partner planes could then patrol Libya's air space and down any planes that became airborne. The prospect of a no-fly zone has come to dominate attention even as the White House has consistently held it is just one option that could be used no try protecting civilians and pressuring Gaddaft to give up power. Obama says he will not be "hamstrung" by ruler ing out options but has never publicly given it the attention in this crisis that other world leaders have. TUNIS — The UAE's relief mission in Ras Gadeer at the Tunisian-Libyan border has completed preparations to Provide relief to the refugees fleeing the carriage in Libya. The relief camp, with the participation of various relief agencies in the UAE, will provide food, shelter and medicines to more than 7,000 refugees at a time. Commander of the UAE mission Abdul Rahman Ibrahim said that the relief operations will be carried out in coordination with the Tunisian Red Crescent. The relief camp has been set up with initiatives from the Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Charity and Humanitarian Foundation, Zayed Bin Sultan Foundation for Charity and Humanitarian Works and the UAE Red Crescent. A team in Turkey has been contracted to dispatch ships carrying relief supplies. — Warm UAE relief team ready to provide aid





Tiger camps on its soil India denies

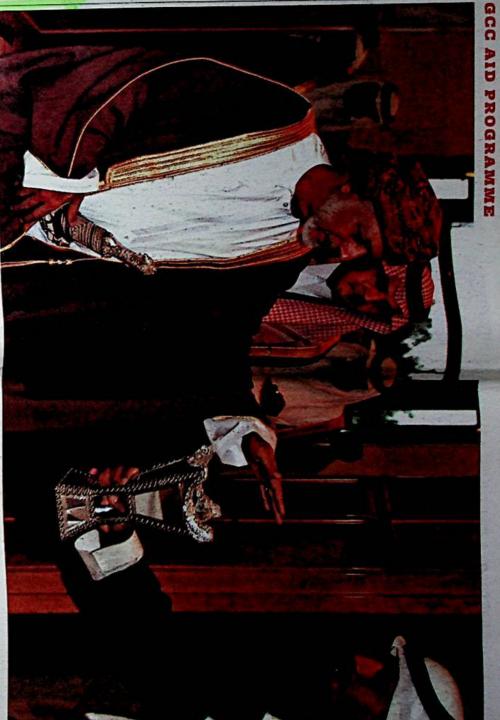
The allegations of Indian involveent struck an unpleasant chord in
i Lanka, because India in the 1970s
id 1980s trained the LTTE and other
amil separatist groups in Tamil Nadupart of a strategy to counter US influne in its tiny neighbour.
"There are no camps of the LTTE in
dia as far as we are aware. The LTE still a banned organisation and wherwer we find their cadres we will arrest
nem," India's Home Secretary Gopal
lilal told Reuters. — Reuters

strike deeper **Gadaffi** forces

libya had descended into civil war with increasing numbers of wounded civilans arriving in hospitals in the east.
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At parallel talks, NATO foreign min-sters discussed imposing a 'no-fly' sters discussed imposing a 'no-fly' zone over Libya to stop the government using jets and helicopters against the outgunned rebels, who seized a string of cities east and west of Tripoli early in the three-week-old war to end Gad-

Insurgents also reported an air strike Insurgent also reported an air strike in Brega, another oil port 90 km east of las Lanuf, indicating that Gaddafi loyalists had not only halted a westwards lists had not only halted a westwards haugent push in its tracks but were naking inroads into their eastern hin-making inroads into their eastern hin-erland. Despite rebel appeals to take the skies away from Gaddafi's forces, so quick action had been expected as NATO leaders want broader UN enforsement for political cover. Russia and China oppose such intervention and would have a veto in any United N



Oman's Foreign Minister Youssef bin Alawi bin Abdullah performs a ritual with incense after arriving for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) meeting in Riyadh on Thursday. The GCC countries have set up an aid programme worth \$10 billion each for Bahrain and Oman, Bahrain's foreign minister announced on Thursday. — Reuters

Israel accused Palestinian man in Ukraine ofabducting

Mossad seen behind carrying out engineer's abduction to sabotage power plant in Gaza

engineer vanished from a Ukrainian train in the middle of the night.

Now, authorities are trying to verify his wife's claims that he is being held in prison by the Israeli secret service, whom she accuses of kidnapping the man two weeks ago.

ager. "I don't suspect it, I am sure of it," Abu Sisi told the AP in a telephone of interview, "My husband was the heart of the only electric station in Gaza, or rather its brain. It's a strategic object and they wanted to disable it."

She denied speculation that her husband may be wanted by Israel as a known! Hamas sympathiaer, saying behad never engaged in politics or any violent groups.

In Gaza, fellow engineers and neighty had never described Abu Sisi as a Hamas supporter, pointing to his senior position. He served as the deputy head of the electric power station and posts are traditionally staffed by Hamas loyalists.

Abu Sisi, a Jordan native and father of six, was in Ukraine trying to apply for citizenship after spending 12 years in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli group HaMoked, which defends the rights of Palestinians, says Abu Sisi has been held in an Israeli prison since Feb 19. He is being kept in the Shikma detention center outside the coastal city of Ashkelon, the group said.

Israel's prison service said it had no information on the case. The internal

security service, the Shin Bet, declined comment, citing a gag order.

Veronika Abu Sisi said her husband told her over the phone about a week after his alleged kidnapping that he was in Israel. His lawyer later told her that he was in custody in an Israeli prison.

She said the family decided to return to Ukraine after life in the Gaza Strip became unsafe for their three daugh-

une unsafe for their three daugh and three sons and Abu Sisi flew lkraine to apply for citizenship ir

nian authorities to report to a government agency in Kharkiv, which was processing his case.

After he turned up, government workers briefly seized his passport, then gave it back to him, saying it was a routine check, Abu Sisi said.

Relieved, the engineer on Feb. 18 boarded a 10:55 pm overnight train to Kiev to meet his brother who was flying in from Amsterdam, but the reunion in from Amsterdam, but the reunion

kiev to meet his brother who was flying in from Amsterdam, but the reunion never took place.

Veronika Abu Sisi said she was told by Ukrainian police officials that two

I unknown men boarded her husband's train car near the central Ukrainian city of Poltava several hours after departure and escorted him out.

"I am in shock," said Abu Sisi, a viotin teacher, who converted to Islam to marry her husband who had come to Ukraine to study as part of an exchange programme.

"I don't know what to tell my kids about where their father is — he wasn't killed by a bomb, he disappeared from a train in a democratic country!" — AP

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American Muslim lawmaker Keith breaks down during testimony

WASHINGTON — APPLEADING AND THE Ellison, the first Muslim elected to the Ellison, the first Muslim elected to the Ellison, the first Muslim elected to the Ellison, the first Muslim elected while offering emotional testimory in a controversial hearing on homegrown terrorism.

Democrat Ellison had been asked by Representative Peter King, the Republican who chairs the House Homeland Security Committee, to testify despite his clear opposition to King's controversial investigation of the radicalisation of American Muslims nearly a de

mad Salman Hamdani, a 23-year-old paramedic who died in the attacks on the World Trade Centre on September 11, 2001, in his effort to show that Muslims were part of the broad tapestry of loyal and patriotic Americans.

But his composure wavered as he began to tell story of Hamdani, who in his youth "wanted to be seen as an all-

"He was one of those brave first responders who tragically lost his life ir 9/11 terrorist attacks almost a decade ago," a weeping Ellison said, but in the aftermath of the attacks, runnours were spread that Hamdani had been in collusion with the attackers.

"His life should not be identified a just a member of an ethnic group or just a member of a religion, but as an American who gave everything for his fellow Americans." Ellison, choking the state of the

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4-metre croc

made \$2.4m from ransoms in 2010: Somali pirate

s BOSASSO (SOMALIA) — Only two se years after deciding to join in the piracy trampant off the Somalian coast, Saced Yare is a dollar multi-millionaire.

Leaning against the door of his luxu-y. Toyota Landcruiser, one of the latest models in the seaside town of Bosasso, the Yare puffs on a cigarette.

"It is not an easy job being a pirate. You gamble with your life, but I enjoy being a piracy tyccon," says the slim in 27-year-old, dressed in a sharp suit he gays is Italian.

"The piracy business is like a presidential seat, you don't want to give it up once you taste its sweetness. A friend of mine died in the recent navy operation—but he left one million dollars!" Yare

y tempt that left four U.S. citizens dead.
Yare said he made \$2.4 million in factors. \$1.2 million for investing in the venture that led to the hijacking of the British-flagged Asian Glory, another is \$700,000 for Saudi tanker Al Nisr Al Saudi and \$500,000 for Bulgarian ves. vast expanse of the Indian Ocean, as far south as the Seychelles islands and e eastwards towards India.

Yare abandoned a lucrative trade in khat, a sure-fire route to amassing riches in the Horn of Africa country, when he saw former fishermen getting

c ther's trade of fishing at the age of nine s and was expected to contribute to the family's income by the time he became a teenager. He took up selling khat after he average enough to import a batch of the verification of the stimulant from neighbouring Kenya.

But even returns as high as 300 per cent from selling the mild narcotic were not enough for the ambitious of young man. He turned to piracy to fuel of a flashy lifestyle.

of four Americans when special tried to rescue them was becaus holding them were pushed to the said. However, Yare issued a warning for crews of any South and Russian ships that are captured South Korea's navy rescued to Korean chemical ship hijacked mall buccaneers in the Arabit capturing five pirates and killing

Irish Beef Stroganoff

true Irish style with naturally, Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in grass-fed Irish beef.

