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The martyrdom anniversary of sheikh Omar al-Mukhtar

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The Libyan people commemorate Thursday September 16, the 73rd anniversary of the martyrdom of Sheikh of the martyrs, Omar al-Mukhtar, the hero of the sacred war, who devoted his life and sacrifice for the sake of the homeland.

He was martyred while standing up to the despised Italian colonialism, recording with pride together with Libyan freedom fighters, immortal epic so the Libyan soil get rid of the desecration of the colonialists.

On September 16, 1931, the Italian invaders executed Freedom fighter, Omar al-Mukhtar, by hanging him in Sluk region in Benghazi area, thereby committing the ugliest crime in their history, after he together with his fellow fighters taught them a lesson well recorded in the long history of struggle waged by our fathers and grandfathers in defense of the homeland.

By commemorating this anniversary, the Libyans are reminded of their history which is rife with sacrifices and epic struggle made by our fathers and grandfathers in defense of the homeland and dignity. This nation offered about three quarters of a million martyrs, marking the most heroic and epic struggle against colonialism, through popular resistance yet they were mostly unarmed.

The Libyan people showed remarkable steadfastness in the face of the Italian invaders, and fought them gallantly, such resistance and steadfastness culminated with the break out of alFateh revolution which championed the struggle of the fathers and grandfathers and took vengeance for their sacrifices.

The history of the struggle of the Libyan people remained forgotten, until al-Fateh revolution broke out and revived its battles to remind the generations of the struggle of their fathers and grand fathers against the Italian colonialists in defense of the Libyan honour and dignity.

The credit goes to the relentless efforts of the Leader of the Revolution, which has never stopped in order that Italy recognize its responsibility for the period of its colonialism of Libya, and apologizes to the Libyan people for that colonialist period, and recognize the Libyan right to compensation for the huge damages inflicted on them , and their right to know the fate of thousands of Libyan citizens who were deported by Italian colonialism, in the most difficult circumstances, to Italian southern islands.

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The General People's Committee/ resolution

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The General People's Committee has issued a resolution, designating the 16th of al-Fateh (September) as a day of official mourning in Great Jamahiriya, the day on which the Libyan people commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the execution of Martyr Sheik Omar al-Mukhtar by the Italian invaders.

By virtue of this resolution, all traffic and pedestrian movement will be halted at mid day for five minutes as a sign of mourning and grieve across Great Jamahiriya

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