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**OMAR TURBI VISITS BENGHAZI & EASTERN LIBYA 3/23-3/27-2011**

Omar Turbi just returned from a four day visit to Benghazi the strong hold of the Libyan opposition. [Appointed Advisor to Libyan Transitional National Council](#)

Mr. Turbi arrived in Benghazi on Wednesday March 23rd, held one on one talks with senior members of the Libyan Transitional National Council; Chairman Mustafa Abduljalil; Secretary Abdulhafid Ghoga; Heads of opposition Arm Forces, Omar Al-Hariri and Abdulfattah Younis; Logistics coordinator Abdulkarim Bazama; Executive Director on foreign relations; Dr. Mahmoud Gebril and other senior council members.

Turbi was subsequently appointed advisor to the Council and tasked with foreign relations matters like gaining recognition for the Council in the U.S and representing Council interests in the media.

On Saturday March 26th Turbi addressed a Council session where he stressed improving global image of the Council through daily media briefings, expression of appreciation to the allied nations, and a commitment to defray the costs of war. "I am one of you, committed to the February 17th revolution and to the Libyan people in their goals to remove the tyrannical rule of Qaddafi" Turbi told the gathering. "I am working with members of the U.S Congress on introducing a resolution in the U.S House of representatives next week for the recognition of the Council as the sole representative of the Libyan people." Turbi suggested that recent council members' debate on naming it a temporary government is premature until the western part of Libya has been liberated, and serious considerations of a Libyan constitution is underway. During Turbi's visit he examined hospitals treating injured demonstrators, the former fortress of the regime in Benghazi, and the eastern battle front including Geminis and the road to Ajdabiya.

Omar Turbi also known in Libya as Fathi. A prominent Libyan whose work on the promotion of human rights and democracy in Libya and the Arab world runs deep for the past 25 years. In the past 11 years, he engaged the Libyan regime where he was able to take his work on the inside of Libya. He won the freedom for over 413 political prisoners, helped promote wider use of the internet, free enterprise, educational and Libyan American faculty and student exchanges. He lobbied the Libyan regime and Colonel Qaddafi for the safe entry and passage into Libya by members of the Libyan exiled opposition.

Mr. Omar Turbi is a founding member of Libyan Human Rights Commission (LHRC) founded in 1985 to promote human rights and democracy in Libya. LHRC gained prominence throughout late eighties and the nineties through its work with the United Nations Human Rights Commission, and securing political asylum for hundreds of Libyans in Europe, and the U.S.A