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Benghazi Defense Brigades (BDB) Statement in reply to the report of the UN's mission to Libya addressed to the General Secretary of the United Nations

To the General Secretary of the UN, Antonio Guterres;

In reference to the report submitted to your Excellency by UNSMIL, we would like to clarify the following issues:

Our published statements were clear, unambiguous and revealed our humanitarian goals and just demands. What we are seeking is legitimized by the norms and laws; it is the right of the return of displaced citizens to their city **Benghazi**.

We clarified many times that our forces are composed of the **17 Feb** revolutionaries and soldiers of the province of Cyrenaica. We were united for the sake of lifting the injustice and oppression that were imposed on us by the militias of the war criminal, **Khalifa Haftar**.

Our struggle is for the purpose of the return of our displaced families to their homes.

We are also fighting terrorism in all its shapes and forms, confirming that we do not have any links or affiliations to any political, organizational, or ideological parties, inside or outside **Libya**.

In this regard, we declare that we condemn the paragraph No. **26** in the report to the General Secretary of the United Nations of the UN mission in **Libya**, which was misleading and distorted the facts. The report described **Benghazi Defense**



Brigades (BDB) as a coalition of Islamist groups despite our statements denying any links to these groups. The report ignored our efforts to be part of any conflicts, which was proved by our handling of the oil ports in the Oil Crescent Region to the Petroleum Facilities Guards Affiliated to the internationally recognized Presidential Council of the Government of National Accord.

On the other hand, the report described the militias of Haftar (the Libyan National Army), ignoring the crimes of Haftar's forces who had abused human rights. The report ignored the violations of Haftar to human rights, including the murdering of elderly, women, as well as unarmed youth in the streets of the city of Benghazi without trials. Haftar's forces also exhumed the graves and mutilated human corpses in well-documented videos.

The report reflects that some sides in the UN mission in Libya are supporting the war criminal, Khalifa Haftar, and his coup project to impose a new dictator in Libyan.

We refuse the unfair bias attempts to visualize our struggle against the war criminal, Haftar, as a war of Islamist groups against the "army."

We stress that the reality is that we are in a struggle against Haftar because he is a war criminal who wants to enslave Libyans. Our fight is for liberty, freedom and the safe return to our city with our displaced families.

Allah save Libya



Benghazi Defense Brigades (BDB)

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