Van: Jeroen Spaander - Tawergha Foundation

Datum: Mon Feb 03 2014 18:20:13 GMT+0100 (W. Europe Standard Time)

Onderwerp: Re: RE: Misrata - Tawergha reconciliation process

Aan: Mohamed Benrasali

Dear Mohamed,

Thank you very much for your reply and providing me with the right contact person.

I will contact mr. Ibrahim and will keep you up to date about any major development on this issue.

We would really appreciate any future input should you have ideas on how to solve this problem or new information concerning the reconciliation process.

We wish you all the best and of course congratulations on winning the African Cup,

Jeroen Spaander

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Op 3 februari 2014, schreef Mohamed Benrasali

### Salams

You need to speak to Mr Mohamed Ibrahim who is working on this issue in Misrata his phone # is [telephone-number] and his email is [email-address]

My I apologize for not getting back to you on this earlier

Thank you Mohamed Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2014 11:52:06 +0000

To: Mohamed Benrasali From: Jeroen Spaander

Subject: Re: Fwd: RE: Misrata - Tawergha reconciliation process

Dear Mohamed.

Two weeks ago we send you another email requesting for your input on the current position the Libyan Government, the GNC and Misrata Local Council has on the Tawergha issue and we think it is a pity that you haven't replied.

We offered to wait for your reply but I hope you understand that we are now running out of time as there are small kids dying in your IDP camps.

The new awareness e-mail campaign is ready to launch targeting embassies, politicians, organizations and important people all over the world and on the same time we have the email campaign assigned to 11.500 Arabic email business accounts in North Africa and the Middle East.

We will add our own report to the email campaign as of course the link to the 'Official Reports' page on our website containing 77 official reports on ethnic cleansing, torture, murder and false accusations against Tawergha committed by militias from Misrata: <a href="http://tawergha.org/official-reports.html">http://tawergha.org/official-reports.html</a>

We started a Twitter account two weeks ago and that's going swell so if you would like to follow the latest news on the Tawergha / Misrata reconciliation process than please don't hesitate to follow us and apply your fifty cents to the conversation: <a href="https://twitter.com/GenocideVictims">https://twitter.com/GenocideVictims</a>

You wanted me to share our email conversation with all of Libya and I promised I would do that so I will create a pdf from this email, upload it to http://www.tawergha.org and share it with twitter. (that should cover my promise)

Hope that you can value my contribution to bringing justice to Libya although I can understand your not too happy about being on the wrong end of it.

Should you have anything to add than please don't hesitate to send me a reply.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

With kind regards,

Jeroen Spaander

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Op 12 januari 2014, schreef Jeroen Spaander - Tawergha Foundation

Dear Mohamed,

Last week I send you a reply on your email and thanked you for your advice on what we should do next to help out with the Misurata - Tawergha stalemate position.

We asked you for an update on the current view the Libyan Government and the Misurata Local Council has on this issue so we could add it to the website to offer a fair and non-bias approach to the discussion.

We have received replies from businesses and people from Misurata with their views about the current situation but we think it is important that we share the official standpoint as well.

We will have to use your first reply to our email as the official Misurata / Libyan government statement on the current position if we do not receive anything soon and I think it does not do you justice so I hope you could make a small effort to correct that.

We cannot wait very much longer as the innocent families from Tawergha have been collectively punished long enough and should be allowed to go home as soon as possible. I hope that you understand that we are trying to give everybody a fair chance to add their views and ideas about this issue.

We remain waiting for your reply,

With kind regards,

Jeroen Spaander

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Van: Jeroen Spaander - Tawergha Foundation

Datum: Sun Jan 05 2014 17:14:01 GMT+0100 (W. Europe Standard Time)

Onderwerp: RE: Misrata - Tawergha reconciliation process

Aan: Mohamed Benrasali

Dear Mohamed,

Thank you for your advice and if you think that sending this email to the people of Misurata & Tawergha will help then of course we will do so next week. If you think I should add something else then please let me know.

Last week we wrote to political parties in Europe, many organizations like the UN, NATO, HRW, Amnesty International, Islamic and Christian aid organizations and all the foreign embassies in Libya about this issue and we have received many replies offering help but also asking questions about the current status of this problem.

We are about to send 11.500 Arabic businesses in your region & the Arab League a request for support email, so we would really appreciate some extra input on the current view the Libyan Government and the Misurata Council has on this issue and add it to the email and website to offer a fair and non-bias approach to the discussion.

Would you be so kind to provide us with that information or redirect our request to the right person?

Thank you very much in advance and we are waiting for your reply before we take action as we have high regards for your opinion and advice.

Greetings,

Jeroen Spaander

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Van: Mohamed Benrasali

Verzonden: zondag 5 januari 2014 9:47

Aan: Jeroen Spaander

Onderwerp: RE: Misrata - Tawergha reconciliation process

Salams

Now you are talking

This is a good sign that you finally have the right approach

You must send this e mail to as many people as possible and not just this group and make sure that the sample you send it to include other people from Tawerga and Misrata and all over Libya

Thx

Date: Sat, 4 Jan 2014 08:38:43 +0000

To: Mohamed Benrasali From: Jeroen Spaander

Subject: Misrata - Tawergha reconciliation process

Dear mister Benrasali,

I hope you are in good health and wish you and your family a very happy 2014.

We have had a lot of reactions on the website and email campaign (mostly positive & very helpful) but there are a lot of questions about the Misrata - Tawergha reconciliation process.

As we would like to give a more balanced view on the website about the Misrata / Tawergha issue and the current situation of the reconciliation process I would like to address these questions to you:

- What is the current status on the reconciliation process?
- What is needed for advancing the reconciliation process?
- Who has to contribute to the reconciliation process?
- What should be done by those concerned?

Personal questions we have on this issue:

- Is there anything we can do to help?
- Would you like us to change or add anything to the website?

(we have had a few replies saying it is bias and we would like to change that)

Thank you very much for your replies and effort to solve this issue as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Jeroen Spaander

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Van: Jeroen Spaander

Verzonden: dinsdag 31 december 2013 12:03

Aan: Mohamed Benrasali

**Onderwerp:** RE: Enough is enough, let the refugees from Tawergha return home.

Dear Mohamed.

Thank you very much for your Reply and I am very sorry if I have offended you with my harsh words about your city.

I hope you understand that it is my intention to help although I agree that my methods are probably not the best way.

That is also my problem as I have no idea how to assist in this matter in any other way then by sending the letters.

Maybe it helps a little bit if I explain why I care so much about the Misurata & Tawergha situation.

We used to live in Tawergha at the International HVA compound (dairy and poultry project) when I was a kid ( http://tawergha.org/arabic/contact.html ).

The regime of Gaddafi imprisoned my father multiple times for a period of three months before we were expelled out of Libya in 1990.

When your revolution started and you needed assistance, I voted for the Avaaz Campaign in favor of the UN / NATO intervention to support the Libyan people against Gaddafi.

We have followed everything that happened very closely since then but now I feel it is time to protect the people from Tawergha against the city of Misurata.

As we are not in Libya and do not know everything what is happening, I can only read about the current situation in the official documentation from the organizations and countries that have access.

I have posted examples for the information we are provided with in Europe on the right side on this page: <a href="http://tawergha.org/arabic/media.html">http://tawergha.org/arabic/media.html</a>

We have read hundreds of documents from many countries and organizations in the world, suggesting that the Misurata militia committed terrible crimes against the people from Tawergha.

The documentations suggests the Misrata militia is collectively punishing people from Tawergha who did not commit any crimes.

We have read the Misurata Local Council replies to these accusations suggesting that it is up to the Libyan Government to end this situation.

In your reply to my email you suggest that too.

I have read the statements your Government made on this issue and if I understand them correctly, it tells me that the New Libyan Government is too weak to do something about this and that the decisions about this subject are made by the Local Council of Misurata.

My own government has send me an email about this situation, explaining me that it is in fact a decisions the city of Misurata can make to resolve this issue and is not doing so.

I understand that you are in a stalemate position and as a result women and children are suffering.

I can understand that the people from Misurata are not willing to protect the innocent people from Tawergha as they have their own problems and do not see them as friends, but I think the people of Misurata have the obligation to themselves, their family, their city, and the New Libya to do it anyway.

If the people of Misurata cannot commit to that, then in my mind they are no different than the old regime and in fact have lost the war by becoming their enemy.

That would truly be the worst outcome I can imagine and it would break my heart.

I sincerely hope you can see my best intentions and I apologies for offending you, as I truly have the best for all of Libya in my heart.

Should I see something the wrong way (I am only human) then please point my error of observation out to me so I can change my point of view and my actions I take.

If there is any other way I can assist in this process than please let me know.

I would love to see this issue resolved as soon as possible and I thank you in advance for any direction you can give me to help out.

With kind regards,

Jeroen Spaander

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Van: Mohamed Benrasali

Verzonden: dinsdag 31 december 2013 8:22

Aan: Jeroen Spaander

**Onderwerp:** RE: Enough is enough, let the refugees from Tawergha return home.

#### Salams

I am from Misurata Jeroen

Although I am the first to say that the refugee situation is not acceptable I am really disappointed and disheartened by your miss guided and horrible words about Misuarat and its people

Misurata has made its position clear on the matter but everybody just chooses not to listen

The Tawarga problem as hard and hurting it is. It is NOT just Misuarata problem. its Libya's problem

We are willing to work on this but not in the way you have put and certainly not using such offensive language

Mohamed

To: Mohamed Benrasali

Subject: Enough is enough, let the refugees from Tawergha return home.

From: Jeroen Spaander

Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2013 09:44:48 -0800

Dear Mohamed Benrasali,

I wrote you this letter because you are a important person in the Libyan Government and I want to thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Although many promises have been made by the Libyan Government, the current situation for the refugees from Tawergha has not improved and their fate is being used as small change in the negotiation process between the Misrata Local Council & the National Council.

The Misrata Local Council brought shame on the great country of Libya by not stopping the ethnic cleansing and genocide on the inhabitants from Tawergha.

For the last three years, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, the UN and many governments have pressed the Libyan Government to act against the <u>awful deeds of aggression the Misrata militia's commit</u> but until today the refugees from Tawergha are not safe. To make matters worse their camps were flooded and a third winter is coming.

The world is now watching Libya to see if it plans to join the 21st Century and stand up for justice by respecting the human rights of all, as outlined in Libya's inspiring constitution. The families from Tawergha deserve the right to go home and live their lives like anyone else.

Your assistance today could make a lasting difference for the people from Tawergha and would positively contribute to the good name of the new leadership in Libya.

Thank you very much in advance for your effort and we wish you all the best in the years to come,

With kind regards,

Jeroen Spaander

<u>Please support them with your vote to ask the United Nations and the Libyan Government to allow them to go home.</u> Enough is enough. Let them go home.

### ، Mohamed Benrasali عزيـ زي

انك بما رسال تى لـ قراءة وقد تكم على واشكركم الرسالة هه لـ كم اكتب الليبية الحكومة في مهم شخص

أي يحدت ولم، يتحسن لم تاور غاء من ئين AC للا الحالي الوضع، الله يبية الحكومة قبل من وعود عدة من الرغم على الديبية الله الله المجلس مصراتة المحلى المجلس بين الله فاوض بعملية نائج او ملحوظ تغيير

ال عرقي ال تطهير وقف عدم خلال من (لل العظمة) العظيمة ليبياب لدعلى العارج لب مصراتة المحلي المجلس تاورغاء سكان على الجماعية والإبادة

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المقبلة السنة في التوفيق كل لكمون تمنى جهد من تبذلونه ما على مقدما لك جزيلا شكرا

التديات أطيب مع

Jeroen Spaander

### **UN International Human Rights Relevant Documents**

For a full list of UN human rights treaties, visit <a href="http://www.unhchr.ch/html/intlinst.htm">http://www.unhchr.ch/html/intlinst.htm</a>

## STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/h comp34.htm

- Article 24: The medical officer shall see and examine every prisoner as soon as possible after his admission and thereafter as necessary, with a view particularly to the discovery of physical or mental illness and the taking of all necessary measures; the segregation of prisoners suspected of infectious or contagious conditions; the noting of physical or mental defects which might hamper rehabilitation and determination of the physical capacity of every prisoner for work.
- Article 37: Prisoners shall be allowed, under necessary supervision, to communicate with their family and reputable friends at regular intervals, both by correspondence and by receiving visits.

#### DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF ALL PERSONS FROM TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENTM

www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/h comp38.htm

- Article 8: Any person who alleges that he has been subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment by, or at the instigation of, a public official shall have the right to complain to, and have his case impartially examined by, the competent authorities of the State concerned.
- Article 9: Wherever there is reasonable grounds to believe that an act of torture has been committed, the competent authorities of the State concerned shall promptly proceed to an impartial investigation even if there has been no formal complaint.

# INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a cescr.htm

- Article 11: (1) The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living for himself and his family, including adequate food, clothing and housing, and to the continuous improvement of living conditions...
- Article 12: (1) The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental

# UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

http://www.unhchr.ch/udhr/lang/eng.htm

- Article 3: Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.
- Article 5: No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.
- Article 9: No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.
- Article 10: Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an

independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charges against him.
Article 22: Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.
Article 26: (1) Everyone has the right to education