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Qaddafi told participants. "We need a good relationship with Europe, not a relationship of master and slave. There should be a strong relationship between Africa and Europe. Our presence should be strong, tangible and good. It's up to you as the Africans in the Diaspora. We have to con- more and more until the unity of Africa is achieved. From now on, by the will of God, I will assign teams to search, investigate and liaise with the Africans in Europe and to check their situations...this is my duty and role towards the sons of Af- I am a soldier for Africa. I am here for you and I work for you; therefore, I will not leave you and I will follow up on your conditions." Joint committees of African migrants, the United Nations, the African Union, the Euro- pean Union and international organizations present at the conference discussed the need to coordinate the implementa- tion of many of the conference’s recommenda-
tions. Statements are appearing all over the internet from Africans who have a different view to that being perpetrated by those in- tent on ridiculing Qaddafi and the Libyan revolution. One Af- rican commented: “When I was growing up I first read a comic book of his revolution at the age of ten. Since then, as dictators came and went, Colonel Qaddafi has made an impression on me as a man who truly loves Africa! Libyans could complain that he spent their wealth on other Afri- cans! But those Africans he helped put in power, built schools and mosques and brought in many forms of devel- opment showing that Africans brought in many forms of devel- opment showing that Africans are not a inferior people. Qaddafi has long been a sceptic of any overtures from the West who just recently were giving our beloved country to be returned to their former colonial masters. Al Qaeda is in the Sahara on his borders and the International Union of Muslim Scholars is calling for him to be tried in a court. One asks why are they calling for Qaddafi’s blood? Why not Mubarak who closed the Rafah Border Crossing while the Israeli’s slaughtered the Palestinians in Gaza. Why not Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and Blair who are responsible for the murder of millions of Muslims in Iraq and Afghanis-
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In his recent address to the Libyan people, broadcast from the ruins of the Bab al-Azizia compound bombed by Reagan in 1986, he asked the “bearded ones” in Benghazi and Jableh al Akhdar where they were when Reagan bombed his compound in Tri- poli, killing hundreds of Liby- ans, including his daughter. He di- said they were hiding in their homes applauding the US and he vowed that he would never allow the country to be returned to the grip of them and their col- onial masters. Al Qaeda is in the Sahara on his borders and the International Union of Muslim Scholars is calling for him to be tried in a court. One asks why are they calling for Qaddafi’s blood? Why not Mubarak who closed the Rafah Border Crossing while the Israeli’s slaughtered the Palestinians in Gaza. Why not Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and Blair who are responsible for the murder of millions of Muslims in Iraq and Afghanis-
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