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COLONEL QADHAFI SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM

Following the Rome/Vienna airport attacks on 27 December, the Libyan Government described the work of the terrorists as "heroic actions". Subsequently Colonel Qadhafi backed away from support for the terrorists involved in these attacks.

In a speech at the People's Congress on 15 January, Colonel Qadhafi said that he would train, arm and protect Arab guerillas and other volunteers for "suicide and terrorist missions" to make his country a "base for the liberation for Palestine".

Following the American exercises in the Gulf of Sirte and speculation about an American attack on Libya, the Libyan Government threatened that it would in turn retaliate in due course against the United States and its allies, referring specifically to possible attacks on NATO bases in Southern Europe.



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