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~~(S/NF)~~ North Africa: 11 September Libya Attacks on the U.S. Mission in Benghazi

(U) This memorandum responds to a tasking directed by LTG Michael T. Flynn, USA, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, regarding an assessment of the tactics employed in-, al-Qaida's reaction to-, and the level of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Qods Force (IRGC-QF) involvement in the U.S. Mission in Benghazi attack on 11 September.

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**(U) Al-Qaida's Response to Unrest**

(S/ (b)(3):10 U.S.C. § 424 ) Several al-Qaida groups have issued statements that either directly or tangentially reference the Benghazi attack. We anticipate such statements will continue, with the groups' seeking to leverage the attacks for propaganda and recruitment purposes.

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(S/NF) We expect AQIM will continue to issue public statements supporting the Benghazi attack and encouraging further attacks and privately advise associates in the region to capitalize on ongoing unrest.

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- (U) On September 15, AQIM publicly praised the death of the Ambassador Stevens and called for escalation of protests and attacks against Americans. AQIM urged Muslims around the world to kill or expel from their countries representatives of the United States, according to credible Mauritanian press.

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- (U//FOUO) On September 17, ISI gave a eulogy for al-Qaida deputy leader Abu Yahya al-Libi, and claimed the recent anti-U.S. protests revealed America's weakness, according to a statement disseminated by the Al-Fajr Media Center.
- (U) In a September 2007 public statement, AQI leader Abu Umar al-Baghdadi offered a reward of at least \$100,000 to anyone who killed Swedish cartoonist Lars Vilks.

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- (U) On September 15, al-Shabaab's spokesman urged Muslims to conduct attacks against Western interests in retaliation for the film. He also stated Western governments directed the production of the movie, according to credible foreign press.

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(TS//OC/NF) Libya: Disparate Elements Responsible for Attacking the Benghazi Mission

(U) Executive Summary

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(TS//NF) Attack Timeline

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1700z: First reports of crowd forming  
1935z: Attacks start with rocket-propelled grenade volley  
2010z: Attackers withdraw / firing stops  
2010z: U.S. evacuations start  
2025z: Libyan security withdraw; mission overrun

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2200z: Civilians begin burning / looting

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2330z: 2<sup>nd</sup> facility takes fire  
0030z: Attack ceases; crowd dispersed  
0230z: 2<sup>nd</sup> facility under second attack  
0300Z: Attackers take fire and retreat  
0700z: 2<sup>nd</sup> facility under indirect mortar fire; two U.S. killed in action  
1135Z: All U.S. members evacuated

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*Given the MJC camp's role in training foreign fighters, a number of them may have participated as well.*

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**(U) Source Summary and Confidence Level Statement**

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