



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:
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(U//FOUO) Political Instability in Libya

(U//FOUO) Military efforts against Mu' ammar al-Qadhafi's regime may lead to threats against the United States and its interests. Media reporting suggests al-Qa'ida may be active among rebel groups, potentially allowing terrorist groups to establish a foothold in Libya. Additionally, al-Qa'ida leader Anwar al-Awlaki praised the revolutions and noted an "upsurge" in jihadi activity across the Middle East. Open source reporting also indicated the Libyan government may be linked to recent cyber attacks against Western governments. Continued instability within Libya could create additional opportunity for Middle Eastern criminal enterprises, including expansion of human trafficking operations. The FBI is interested in information that may help mitigate threats to US interests resulting from the political instability in Libya.

(U//FOUO) In the course of official activities, and to the extent permitted by law, agencies are encouraged to coordinate with and forward to the FBI information on entities committing criminal or suspicious acts which may indicate a potential threat to US interests and warrant further investigation.

(U//FOUO) Who are Libyan-affiliated individuals or groups plotting or committing malicious acts against the US Homeland or US interests abroad?

- (U//FOUO) Identify US-based individuals planning to attack the US interests on behalf of Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG), or the Libyan government.
- (U//FOUO) Identify US-based individuals or groups that materially support or raise money for AQIM, LIFG, or other terrorist groups.
- (U//FOUO) Identify individuals or groups with ties to Libya that pose cyber threats to national security (e.g., critical national assets, computer network information, Internet Protocol addresses, equipment types).
- (U//FOUO) Identify leaders, members, and supporters of Middle Eastern criminal enterprises tied to Libya.

(U//FOUO) What malicious acts against US interests are being planned?

- (U//FOUO) What advanced technologies do individuals intending to develop weapons of mass destruction attempt to acquire on behalf of the Libyan government or Libyan-based terrorist groups?
- (U//FOUO) Report indications Libya-affiliated individuals or groups target US computer systems for cyber attacks or data exfiltration (e.g., attempted intrusions, phishing e-mails).
- (U//FOUO) Identify relationships between US-based Middle Eastern criminal enterprises and foreign or domestic criminal groups, terrorists, or terrorist financiers.

(U//FOUO) What methods and techniques do Libyan-affiliated individuals or groups use to commit malicious acts against the US Homeland or US interests abroad?

- (U//FOUO) How do terrorist groups and criminal enterprises recruit new members in the United States?
- (U//FOUO) Identify individuals affiliated with AQIM, LIFG, or other terrorist groups who collect photographs, videos, blueprints, or other documents in preparation for an attack against US interests.
- (U//FOUO) How do cyber attackers sympathetic to Libya gain access to US computer systems?

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