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ALGERIAPRESIDENT APPOINTS NEW FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER

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[Text] The presidency has issued the following statement: President Chadli Bendjedid, secretary general of the party, has appointed Brother Ahmed Talib al-Ibrahimi, member of the FLN Central Committee, as foreign affairs minister to succeed the late Mohamed Ben Yahia, martyred while performing his sacred task in the service of the homeland and the revolution.

LIBYAAL-QADHDHAFI URGES WOMEN TO JOIN MILITARY SCHOOLS

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[Text] Yesterday morning via closed circuit television, the leader met female general secondary school students and female students of private and public teachers institutes, urging them to join military secondary schools and military colleges for training in various weaponry.

During this meeting, the leader began his speech by stressing the success of the general military training. He said general military training has become a living reality. We have directed all our efforts toward its success and have created a comprehensive mobilization to confront all dangers that might threaten our homes, our families, our honor and our freedom. There is no way out of realizing this mobilization.

He added that weapons training has become a reality despite some opposing voices at the outset. However, these voices were quieted and now girls carry arms. The masses also have begun to prepare themselves to meet all eventualities. The brother leader explained there is no longer any excuse, now that girls in these stages have become militarized, for girls not to enter military colleges to become officers in the armed forces. The leader stressed in his speech the need for female students to join various military colleges, to be graduated as officers and to realize progress in the armed forces. He urged guardians of female students to discard obsolete and reactionary thinking and to look realistically toward the future by constantly encouraging their daughters to join various military colleges. He stressed that the graduation of girls as officers should be an established fact, just like wearing military uniforms and training to carry arms.

The leader drew the attention of the guardians to the need to participate in this work to enable their daughters to train and participate in molding life in this society. He explained that any attempt to prevent female students from doing so will have negative results. He stressed that the Libyan people have always been the first to formulate attitudes and to start positive initiatives on every occasion. But for girls students with their general certificate of education and other private and public school certificates not to join military colleges will have a negative aspect. We are supposed to have tens of officers in various military colleges instead of just the land forces military college.

The brother leader dismissed allegations that there is no need for girls to join these colleges because it is sufficient that boys join the various military colleges. He said these are obsolete reactionary allegations, because we do not differentiate between men and women. He said the Zionist enemy, through its barbarous attacks in the West Bank, does not discriminate between men and women, as the Zionist forces of occupation are killing Arab boys, girls, men and women, and their bullets do not differentiate between male and female.

The brother leader said the person who has no weapon or no weapons training experience is going to be an easy victim. The trained person will be able to repel the evil of the enemy. He pointed out that we are preparing our forces for a battle that might be imposed on us and that might destroy our achievements. The enemy is on the offensive and, therefore, there is no way out of resisting him.

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AUDU: LIBYA ASSURES ALL CAN ATTEND OAU SUMMIT

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[Text] Lagos, 9 May (AFP) -- Libya has given guarantees that all members of the Organization of African Unity, including Egypt, can attend the next OAU summit in Tripoli in August, Nigerian Foreign Minister Ishaya Audu said here today.

Mr Audu said Nigeria would not take part in a boycott of the summit threatened by some countries opposed to the policies of Libyan leader Mu'ammr al-Qadhafi. Colonel al-Qadhafi will become OAU chairman for the next year following the conference.

Libya had complied with the conditions Lagos had laid down for attending the summit, Mr Audu said. It had cooperated with the OAU over Chad by withdrawing its troops and agreed not to bar any country from coming to Tripoli, and for the moment he saw no reason why Nigeria should not be there.

Mr Audu was speaking after lengthy talks at the airport here with visiting Kenyan Foreign Minister Robert Ouko on "problems confronting Africa and the OAU."

Mr Ouko, who had delivered a message from OAU Chairman Daniel arap Moi, the president of Kenya, to Nigerian President Shehu Shagari, said the OAU peacekeeping force in Chad will leave on June 30 when its mandate expires if new sources of financing it were not found before then.

Mr Ouko, who was going on today to Sierra Leone and later to Guinea, said he could not see how the OAU body could maintain that force, which consists of contingents from Nigeria, Senegal and Zaire, if United Nations funds currently paying for it were not topped up.

Mr Ouko made it clear that his trips, along with similar ones by a number of other African foreign ministers, were connected with the OAU's current problems, especially the split caused by the admission of the self-proclaimed Saharan Democratic Arab Republic (SDAR).

On this subject Mr Audu said that Nigeria, which has not recognized the SDAR, was neither for nor against it becoming an OAU member. Lagos wanted to work for African unity above all opposition, he said.

On Namibia both ministers reaffirmed OAU support for the Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO) and Mr Ouko said Namibian independence by the end of this year was not impossible. There were still seven months to go, he noted.

OAU CHAIRMAN EMPHASIZES NEUTRALITY ON SAHARA

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[Text] Lagos, 7 May -- Organisation of African Unity Chairman Daniel arap Moi is committed to maintaining neutrality on the question of admitting the self-proclaimed Sahran Arab Democratic Republic to the OAU, Kenyan Foreign Minister Robert Ouko said here.

Mr Ouko arrived in Lagos yesterday to deliver a special message from Mr Moi, the president of Kenya, to Nigerian President Shehu Shagari. The contents of the message were not disclosed.

Mr Ouko told a NEWS AGENCY OF NIGERIA reporter that it was President Moi's hope that the Saharan issue be resolved before the next OAU summit in Tripoli.