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AL-QADHAFI PRAISES LUNAR CALENDAR IN NOTE TO ISLAMIC LEADERS

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Speech

[Text] Tripoli, Muharram 1, Sep 16, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY--The leader of the revolution sent a cable to the presidents, kings and leaders of the Islamic states on the new lunar year. It read as follows:

On the occasion of the end of the lunar year 1394 from the death of the Prophet (F.D.P.) and the beginning of the year 1395 F.D.P., it gives me pleasure to send to you and to the Muslim people of your sisterly country the best of wishes entreating the mighty Allah to grant you and the Muslim people more prosperity and happiness.

On this occasion, the best thing we do is to endeavour in making this event eternal. This, without doubt, the most serious event that affected the history of Islam. The death of God's messenger--Muhammad--which represented the completion of the revelation of the Koran, eternally terminating the inspiration on earth and the completion of the last heavenly message.

What event in the history of Islam is possible to ascend in importance to reach the occultation of the last of God's messengers and prophets from earth? No doubt, Islam. Islam had never witnessed, during the life of the holy messenger, decisive events as the immigration to Ethiopia, the immigration to Medina, Badr Battle, the Mecca liberation and other battles. But, anyone of these stay limited in effect when compared with the death of Muhammad.

What immortalising is more effective than our adoption of the year the event took place as a starting point of our calendar in the Islamic world.

We in the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, realised the importance of the death of the messenger and what it represents, years ago we adopted it as the beginning of our calendar.

We call on all Muslims in all the countries to use it to mark historical events for its eminence and importance which no doubt surpasses the importance of the birth of the Messiah which was one of the Almighty God's miracles and a sign of his, which was adopted by his followers as the origin of their calendar.

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EGYPT

CURRENT NILE WATER LEVEL EXCEEDS 1984 LEVEL

Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic 24 Aug 85 p 13

[Article by 'Adil Shafiq: "Nile's Water Supply This Year is 84 Billion Cubic Meters Compared to 57 Last Year"]

[Text] The inundation of the Nile for this year is expected to reach 84 billion cubic meters, according to water levels and scales at the Nile sources for the current month. Egypt's share is 55.5 billion cubic meters; Sudan's share is 18.5 billion cubic meters; and 10 billion are lost in the river at the High Dam Lake.

Dr 'Abd-al-Hadi Radi, head of the Irrigation Methods Research Institute, stated that last year's inundation yielded 57 billion cubic meters and we had to draw 23 billion cubic meters from the lake.

The aquatic year starts the first of August and ends at the end of July of the following year. Water gets to Egypt about 1 month after it reaches the Nile's main sources in the Ethiopian Plateau and represents about 12-14 percent of the plateau's total rainfall. Part of it is lost to evaporation, another part is used for agriculture while a third part seeps down into the ground. Water which gets to the rivers that constitute the Nile's main sources is called surface flow. This flow is expected to drop 12-14 percent from the usual rate due to the past drought and the probabilities of water seepage in larger than usual amounts.

Dr 'Abd-al-Hadi Radi added that the preliminary picture of the Nile River yield during the inundation will be confirmed at the beginning of September and October due to the fact that 75 percent of the inundation water arrives between August and October.

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Also I call you on this occasion to look into his most exalted saying: "They ask you about immolation, say it is a calender for people and for pilgrimage." And ponder on his saying--Praise be to him--"the number of months to Allah are twelve months in a Allah's book when he created the heaven and earth, four of them are holy, that is the straight religion." Are not these verses sufficient to draw our attention to adopt the lunar calendar.

Your Brother Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi

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BRIEFS

AGRICULTURAL RECLAMATION FUNDS--Benghazi, 12 Dhu al-Hijja, 28 Aug, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY--An official source said that the total expenditure on the agrarian reform and land reclamation in Benghazi Municipality reached 2,787,000 Libyan dinars in the first half of this year. He indicated that the transformation budget for this sector in the current year reaches 8,322,000 dinars to carry out a series of productive projects in the agrarian and livestock fields. [Text] [Tripoli JANA in English 1753 GMT 28 Aug 85 LD]

AL-QADHDHAFI TOURS ECONOMIC FAIR--Tripoli, Muharram 1, 15 Sep, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY--The leader of the revolution toured yesterday the fair of economic achievements being held these days in Tripoli. He inspected samples of industrial and agricultural products of thousands of industrial and agricultural fortresses realised thanks to the great Al Fatih revolution. The economic fair was held as a follow up to the show of military and morale force during the festivities held by the Libyan Arab people to commemorate the 16th anniversary of the Great 1st September revolution. [Text] [Tripoli JANA in English 0932 GMT 15 Sep 85]

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