

Islamic Countries' Domino-Effect 2011

I missed the importance in the beginning. In Tunis, the strongman Ben Ali was forced to flee the country on January 14 [1]. Probably not quite empty-handed, he and his family found exile in Riyadh. His previous sovereigns were left in poverty, perhaps enjoying freedom but left alone in the misery while the tourists – for safety reasons, of course – still left the country aside, then leaving the natives with the best hopes for the future. Maybe they will see it confirm the saying, *"Take care of your boss. The next one may be worse!"* But then, other events followed, involving the whole Arab World from Morocco to Iraq. What made it a synchronized action – or in other terms expressed: do you recognize the finger that made it a domino-effect?

Getting started – Tunis

Zine El Abidine Ben Ali ruled his country for 23 years as the only second president of Tunis after the French left the country for independence in 1959. He succeeded Habib Bourguiba in a bloodless coup, a quality which did not characterise his own demise. He was 'elected' regularly, last time in 2009 allegedly with 90% of the votes. High unemployment and rising food-prices laid the foundations for the national unrest. The protests were sparked as a street vendor set himself on fire on December 17, 2010, caused by the confiscation of his wares and the harassment and humiliation that was allegedly inflicted on him by a municipal official and her aides. Citing similar problems and ever present corruption, the fire then spread to other Arab states.

Pharaoh's demise

Hosni Mubarak assumed the presidency of Egypt on 14 October 1981, following the assassination of President Anwar El Sadat. On 25 January 2011, 11 days after Ben Ali was ousted, a large demonstration marked the beginning of an uprising that only 18 days later caused his resignation. It was a bloody revolution, claiming more than 800 fatalities, most shot by the police. A turning point was marked by the appearance of the army and the simultaneous retraction of the police. The army did not shoot at the demonstrators and as the president resigned, turned the power over to the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces. Mubarak himself, almost 83 years old and seriously ill with possible (officially denied) abdominal cancer and heart disorder, denied going into exile. As his fate was still uncertain, his Western allies and Israel tried to support him (politicians are not supported after they are removed from power). On February 12 already, he stepped down.

On April 13, a prosecutor originally appointed by Mubarak ordered the former president and both his sons to be detained for allegations of corruption and abuse of power. Gamal and Alaa were jailed in Tora Prison, while Mubarak was in police custody in a hospital following a heart attack. His fortune should include 40-70 billion dollars earned by corruption from the American Weapons industry, allegations that he denied.

A different aspect was his government's attitude towards Israel. As El Baradei said, most Egyptians felt: "The Israelis have a peace treaty with Mubarak, not with the Egyptian people" [2]. The border to Gaza was almost immediately opened to the people of the ghetto, but I have found no indication of that the desperately needed building material, first of all concrete, is delivered.

The War in Libya

In the middle of February, the time had come to Libya. At first, it followed the same scheme that is seen in other Arab countries. Soon, however, the regime acted more

1 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jan/14/tunisian-president-flees-country-protests>
2 <http://www.businessinsider.com/elbaradei-israel-egypt-peace-treaty-2011-2>

decisively against its opponents, setting in armed security forces, the army and the air-force to crush an emerging rebellion. Soon, predominantly the eastern part of the country declared its liberation. Then the engagement of the West grew, allegedly to protect demonstrators against Khadafy's military. After almost having missed the time, they succeeded in declaring a 'no-fly-zone' for the Libyan air-force over their country.

This is nothing short of a declaration of war, in particular when other nations (later to be defined as NATO) unilaterally supported one part in what now deserved the designation of a civil war. By using ever wider interpretations of the UN-declaration, NATO has soon bombed a welfare state back to the stone-age and is openly discussing involvement of ground troops. Simultaneously, a propaganda war is waging.

The Islamic Emirate of Barqa

I laughed when I heard that Khadafy claimed that he was fighting against al Qaida in the east of his country. Was this an insult against the Americans? Informed readers know that this organisation merely exists as an American-controlled propaganda vehicle, an office in Virginia from where phony threats and obviously false videos of long-bearded men are distributed to scare us into accepting more restrictions to our civil liberties. However, when I learned about the city of Darnah, the laughing was gone.

Darnah (Derna, pop. 50,000), between Benghazi and Tobruk, was in history the capital of the Islamic Emirate of Barqa [3]. It was conquered by the Americans 1805 in the first war outside their continent. More interesting, in an analysis of the origin of suicide-bombers in Iraq and Afghanistan, most were coming from Libya, and of them, the majority from Darnah. Their surviving successors should form a key core in the insurgent's (otherwise largely unprofessional) army, so NATO should better ask, who they are actually supporting. The people protesting against tyrants are not necessarily fighting for freedom. Moreover, these people are armed. This is very different to the peaceful demonstrations in other countries of the region.

The motives of NATO are not so easy to define. Certainly, Libya is an oil-rich nation, but there are other differences to the other troubled North-African states: Libya's Central Bank is 100% state owned (ours are private property). And the IMF estimates that the bank has nearly 144 tons of gold in its vaults, perhaps the solution to many of our problems. But why the Western countries after the bloody war in Iraq (with huge civilian losses) and the nearly-lost war in Afghanistan are so eager to be involved in another one, is beyond my comprehension.

Further Tensions

Particularly hard fighting has been reported from Yemen, Bahrain and Syria, but demonstrations were also reported from all other Arab nations from Mauretania to Iraq. Enough for me to decide currently not to spend more time on this topic.

Was there a Finger behind this Evolution?

When a long row of coincidences happen almost simultaneously, it seems fair to search for a common explanation. Failure to find this has so far held me back from this theme (and should perhaps have held me back further), but I think it is worth considering some mechanisms possibly involved:

The Internet-generation is generally given credit in the mainstream media (one more reason to challenge it). The success in one nation would then inspire the population in the next also to seek their luck. In the different 'colour-revolutions' (Ukraine, White Russia, Georgia, Myanmar, Thailand), there has been another factor beside mere inspiration (synchronization and money from a foreign organisation), and inspiration successfully to tackle an oppressive government usually demands this 'something else.'

Who could then have an interest in creating a multinational chaos? Let us start with troublemaker of the World number one, Mossad. For a start (Tunis), they could be suspected, but then something must have gone terribly wrong in the next two nations (Egypt and Libya). The rest of the world could go burst in flames, since Israel needs some distraction from its own problems, and what would be better for their 'cultural

3 <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/feb/21/al-qaedas-sputnik-moment/>

clash' theory than showing the rest of the World which problems the Arabs have? But now an old enemy has been reawakened at the south, the situation at the other borders and in Palestine, the two major fractions have finally understood that unification is a precondition for a common peace (perhaps broadly supported by the UN in September). Not that Israel is afraid of war, they carry it out regularly, but at the moment there are too many uncertainties. Therefore, Iran is currently left in peace.

In Libya, too, the Israelis have at least morally been supporting the government. The second troublemaker of the World, the CIA, seems here to be at work. In conclusion, I am unaware of a single factor for the current unrest. Probably, a combination was responsible. The future may show.

As appendix, the relevant quotes from 'Alternative View' are reproduced.

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From Chapters 14 & 6 (mainly) Jan-Apr, sorted by date only

07.01.2011	Independent	14	WikiLeaks: The American ambassador to Tripoli has been recalled for consultations at the US State Department and may not be allowed to return to his post due to comments about Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi
15.01.2011	Guardian	14	Tunisian president flees as protesters claim victory
15.01.2011	General News	14	Dictator Ben Ali toppled in Tunis, exile in Riyadh
17.01.2011	Press.tv	14	The family of ousted Tunisian President Zine El Abidin Ben Ali has reportedly fled the country with 1.5 tons of gold worth more than 45 million €
22.01.2011	Press.tv	14	Saudi Arabia has been accused of an unprecedented onslaught on historic structures in the heart of Mecca and Medina
25.01.2011	General News	14	Unrest in Egypt demands Mubarak's retirement
28.01.2011	Haaretz	14	Egypt kills all Internet activity as gov't attempts to stem protest tide
31.01.2011	Haaretz	14	Israel urges world to curb criticism of Egypt's Mubarak { afraid of change }
31.01.2011	Press.tv	14	Israel has provided the Egyptian gov't with weapons amid the country's popular uprising demanding the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak ... "His regime is well-rooted in the military and security apparatus," said the Israeli minister
31.01.2011	Rian	14	At least 150 people were killed and about 4,000 injured in continued anti-government protests in Egypt
01.02.2011	Maan	14	UN: 219 killed in Tunisia violence prior to Ben Ali's ouster { Länderdomino }
01.02.2011	Telepolis	14	Ägypten: Die Schäden in den Antikensammlungen sind enorm
01.02.2011	General News	14	Large demonstration (border to uprising) in Egypt { Länderdomino }
01.02.2011	JS	14	{ Länderdomino } Mainstream Media much occupied, manipulate rather than report - those who profit may be behind
03.02.2011	Maan	14	Yemen president says won't stand for new term
03.02.2011	BBC	14	Jordan names new PM amid protest { Tunis, Egypt, Yemen & now Jordan - what a 'coincidence' }
03.02.2011	Guardian	14	Tony Blair: Mubarak is 'immensely courageous and a force for good' { Tony Blair is quite as 'good' }
05.02.2011	Haaretz	14	Underground tunnels generally used to smuggle goods into Gaza are moving traffic in the opposite direction in the wake of the popular uprising in Egypt
05.02.2011	_Tehrantimes	14	Two senior Israeli officers and three U.S. generals have arrived in Cairo to take control of the military command in Egypt
06.02.2011	Press.tv	14	Mubarak could have amassed as much as 70 billion \$

07.02.2011	Press.tv	14 US is sending warships, incl. 800 troops, and other military assets to Egypt
07.02.2011	Businessinsider	14 ElBaradei: The Israelis have a peace treaty with Mubarak, not with the Egyptian people
08.02.2011	Rian	14 Cairo protesting mood swings to festive mood, life returning to normal
08.02.2011	Rian	14 Israel rejects Egypt's request for more troops in Sinai
10.02.2011	Press.tv	14 Hundreds of protesters have been killed and wounded in Kharga in southern Egypt
12.02.2011	Rian	14 Egypt's Mubarak steps down, hands power to military council
12.02.2011	Haaretz	14 Hamas calls on new Egyptian leadership to lift Gaza blockade immediately
12.02.2011	Haaretz	14 Swiss govt. freezes ousted Egyptian President Mubarak's assets
12.02.2011	Press.tv	16 As Egyptians rejoice at the ouster of their president, Tel Aviv worries a new government could jeopardize its 32-year-old peace treaty with Cairo and threaten its occupation of Palestinian land
13.02.2011	Rian	14 Algerian police crack down on protesters at Egypt-inspired rally ... arrested several hundred protesters {Länderdomino}
14.02.2011	Blog	14 For now, the Muslim Brotherhood says it will respect the peace agreement with Israel. But the Brotherhood wants the peace treaty to be reviewed by a new parliament. "It talked about a just and comprehensive peace, and the establishment of an Independent Palestinian state. Where is that peace, and where is that state?"
16.02.2011	Blog	14 Egypt's main opposition party, the Muslim Brotherhood, says it will set up a political fraction once current restrictions are lifted
17.02.2011	Press.tv	14 two people have been killed and >40 others injured during clashes between security forces and pro-democracy protesters in Libya {Länderdomino}
17.02.2011	Rian	14 Two dead as police break up protest camp in Bahrain {Länderdomino}
17.02.2011	Rian	14 At least 365 people were killed and 5,500 injured in Egypt's street protests
17.02.2011	LA Times	14 Obama reassures Jordan king of U.S. support - Iran protests (coup) GOOOOOOOD! Jordan protests BAAAAAD! {Länderdomino}
18.02.2011	Khaleej Times	14 Thousands of Yemenis protest nationwide {Länderdomino}
19.02.2011	Independent	14 Independent' investigation uncovers evidence of [Egyptian jail] massacre while protests against Mubarak were at their peak [153 killed?]
19.02.2011	Bloomberg	14 20,000 in Tiny Djibouti Rally Against President {Länderdomino}
20.02.2011	BBC	14 At least 104 people have been killed in Libya since protests erupted, Human Rights Watch says, after troops reportedly use heavy weaponry
21.02.2011	TAZ	14 Marokkaner demonstrieren f. Reformen {Länderdomino Jasmin revolution}
21.02.2011	Welt	14 [FB 2008] >30 [deutsche] Staatsschützer sollen ... illegal Sicherheitskräfte in Libyen bei der Terrorbekämpfung geschult haben
22.02.2011	Press.tv	14 army warplanes bombed protesters in Tripoli [early today] ... Two Libyan Air Force fighter pilots refused to bomb protesters [yesterday] and instead flew their jets to Malta
23.02.2011	Press.tv	14 Libyan Interior Minister Abdel Fatah Yunes has announced his plan to resign and called on the military to join forces with the people against Gaddafi
23.02.2011	Press.tv	14 The crews of 2 Libyan warships have mutinied and are refusing to obey Muammar Gaddafi's orders to attack the eastern port city of Benghazi

23.02.2011	Telepolis	28	Nach dem 11.9. und noch in der Krise sind die Umsätze der weltweit größten Rüstungskonzerne gestiegen ... und der von den USA ausgerufene Global War on Terror ... Seit 2002 bis 2009 haben die weltweit 10 größten Rüstungskonzerne ihre Verkäufe gar um 59% erhöhen können ... wie wichtig etwa für Israel die Aufrechterhaltung des Nahostkonflikts ist
24.02.2011	JS	14	The winners of any revolution have our support – but first they must win
26.02.2011	Uruknet	6	Syria clamps down on dissent with beatings and arrests {Länderdomino}
26.02.2011	Raw Story	14	Algeria lifted its state of emergency after 19 years {Länderdomino}
27.02.2011	Haaretz	14	Libya's ex-justice minister forms interim government in Benghazi'
27.02.2011	Press.tv	14	UN Security Council has imposed sanctions on Muammar Gaddafi ... and referred the Libyan ruler to the International Criminal Court
28.02.2011	You Tube	14	Omani police fired rubber bullets on stone-throwing protesters demanding political reforms in an industrial town, killing two people {Länderdomino}
28.02.2011	Al Jazeera D	14	A group of Qatari activists has created a page on ... Facebook demanding the ouster of [the] Emir {Länderdomino}
01.03.2011	Telegraph	14	African mercenaries hired by the Gaddafi regime to kill Libyan protesters would be immune from prosecution for war crimes due to a clause in this weekend's UN resolution that was demanded by the United States {or blackwater would also be in danger}
01.03.2011	Press.tv	14	Britain, France and the United States have dispatched hundreds of military advisors to Libya to set up military bases in the country's oil-rich east
01.03.2011	Rian	14	Saudi Arabia has sent dozens of tanks to Bahrain, where anti-government protests continue for about two weeks
03.03.2011	Press.tv	14	Domestic and international opposition to any form of military intervention in crisis-hit Libya has grown as two US warships .. enter the Suez Canal ... ~ 6,000 people have so far been killed in Libya
03.03.2011	You Tube	14	Israel send 50,000 African Mercenaries to Libya 03-03-2011
05.03.2011	Guardian	14	Fierce day signals Libya's shift towards civil war - Pro-Gaddafi forces launch widespread offensives and rebels fortify their positions
05.03.2011	Independent	14	Saudis mobilise troops to quell revolt
05.03.2011	Independent	14	The soldiers of the Black Watch are on standby for deployment to Libya at 24 hours' notice if the crisis escalates
05.03.2011	Press.tv	14	Hundreds of Omanis have demonstrated peacefully in the cities of Sohar, Salalah, and the capital Muscat to call for political reform and an increase in the minimum wage
05.03.2011	Rian	5	Thousands of people gathered on Baghdad's Tahrir Square on Friday for an anti-government demonstration
07.03.2011	Rian	14	former Egyptian Interior Minister Habib al-Adly went on trial in Cairo on embezzlement and money laundering charges
09.03.2011	Press.tv	14	A new classified intelligence report has disclosed links between Israel and the Kurdish militant group, the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)
09.03.2011	Press.tv	14	Russia opposes military action on Libya [and no-fly-zone = war!]
09.03.2011	Tagesanzeiger	14	nun auch Demonstrationen im ölreichen Kuwait ... Jugendgruppen fordern die Absetzung des Ministerpräsidenten [Länderdomino]
15.03.2011	Press.tv	14	Saudi Arabia responded to a "security threat" in Bahrain by staging a 1,000-troop invasion in an attempt to quell escalating anti-govt. Protests
18.03.2011	Blog	16	[Gilad Atzmon] launched a call to demand leaders to impose No Fly Zone on Israel [to prevent the] Israeli crimes against the Palestinians
18.03.2011	Guardian	14	UN council backs air strikes on {at war with} Libya ... Abstentions: Russia, China, Germany, Brazil, India

19.03.2011	BBC	14 Yemen's president declares a state of emergency after gunmen in the capital kill 45 people and injure 270 at a protest rally
19.03.2011	Guardian	14 Allied forces launch missiles into Libya
19.03.2011	Euronews	11 Saif al-Islam [Ghadafi]: " Sarkozy must first give back the money he took from Libya to finance his electoral campaign. We funded it and we have all the details and are ready to reveal everything
20.03.2011	Press.tv	14 Spain, Norway, and Denmark have announced that they are joining the large-scale military intervention into Libya
20.03.2011	Rian	14 China says regrets military strike against Libya
21.03.2011	Independent	14 Robert Fisk: Remember the civilian victims of past 'Allied' bombing campaigns
21.03.2011	You Tube	14 Bombing not quite 'no fly zone' – No ground troops [later added:] at the moment ... {but soon, against WMD}
23.03.2011	Daily Mail	14 U.S. rescue chopper shoots six Libyan villagers as they welcome pilots of downed Air Force jet
23.03.2011	Rian	14 NATO should assume overall command of the internat. operation in Libya
23.03.2011	Haaretz	6 Syria security forces kill 6 in attack on Daraa mosque [South Syria]
24.03.2011	Rian	14 USA has started the deployment of >4,000 marines and sailors to the Mediterranean Sea to support the ongoing military operation in Libya
24.03.2011	Rian	14 [Russia] will maintain diplomatic ties with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, but does not condemn those fighting against him
25.03.2011	Press.tv	14 Senior Libyan officials say the country's longtime ruler Muammar Gaddafi is ready to accept an African Union-mediated political solution to the un-folding crisis in the country {only, the War Party wants more – but what?}
25.03.2011	Telepolis	14 Die nächste Angriffswelle gilt jetzt Gaddafis Truppen. Doch das Unwohlsein wächst, da man fast nichts über die Rebellen weiß
26.03.2011	Alethnews	14 In the first 24 hours of the Libyan attack, US B-2s dropped 45 2,000-pound bombs. These massive bombs ... all contained DU warheads ... strange way to protect the civilians
29.03.2011	Independent	14 Seven out of 10 voters fear that Libya 'will become another Iraq'
29.03.2011	Rian	14 Palestinian leader Abbas expresses support for king of Bahrain
29.03.2011	Rian	14 Libya is beginning to suffer from a gasoline deficit caused by sea blockades
29.03.2011	Rian	14 No foreign troops will be deployed and there will be no NATO presence on the ground in Libya {will they remember?}
30.03.2011	You Tube	28 Uranium bombs in Libya? US, UK 'habit of deploying radioactive arms'
30.03.2011	Guardian	14 US and UK may arm rebels if Gaddafi clings to power
31.03.2011	Global Research	14 American Media Silent on CIA Ties to Libya Rebel Commander
01.04.2011	Blog	14 2007 West Point Study Shows Benghazi-Darnah-Tobruk Area was a World Leader in Al Qaeda Suicide Bomber Recruitment {maybe there was really something in Ghadafi's claim about al Qaida}
01.04.2011	Rian	14 NATO's role in Libya does not include deciding the future of the country and its people
01.04.2011	Blog	14 The new leader of Libya's opposition military spent the past two decades in suburban Virginia
03.04.2011	Press.tv	14 troops loyal to Gaddafi use Israeli-made weapons to target Misratah
03.04.2011	WSJ	14 DARNA, Libya—Two former Afghan Mujahedeen and a 6-year detainee at Guantanamo [are] training new recruits for the front and to protect the city from infiltrators loyal to Gadhafi
04.04.2011	BBC	14 A Turkish humanitarian ship carrying more than 250 injured people from the Libyan city of Misrata arrives in the rebel stronghold of Benghazi

- 04.04.2011 [Uruknet](#) 14 Kurtz insisted that the A-10s had not been loaded with DU ammunition. "Weapons with depleted uranium have not been used in Libya," she said. But critics say that the US has sometimes been economical with the truth about the use of DU weapons
- 06.04.2011 [Telepolis](#) 14 Nato fehlen nach Rückzug der Amerikaner Kampfflugzeuge für den Einsatz gegen die Gaddafi-Truppen
- 06.04.2011 [_MM](#) 14 Kremlin's top diplomat said that the conference should "start a probe into alleged civilian casualties caused by NATO bombings in Libya"
- 07.04.2011 [Independent](#) 14 General Younes has been involved in a power struggle ... against Khalifa Hefar, who ... recently returned from exile in America ... the defence minister .. is largely ignored by both heads of the rebel army
- 07.04.2011 [BBC](#) 14 People living in Syria's eastern Hasaka region are to be granted Syrian nationality by a decree from President Bashar al-Assad. Many inhabitants of the region are Kurds ... ~10% of Syria's 22.5m population.
- 09.04.2011 [Haaretz](#) 6 22 killed in Syria protests as third week of unrest comes to a close
- 09.04.2011 [Rian](#) 6 19 police and security force members have been killed in clashes in the southern city of Daraa [yesterday] {19 of the above-mentioned 22}
- 11.04.2011 [Haaretz](#) 14 Sudan says it has proof that Israel carried out strike on Port Sudan
- 11.04.2011 [Rian](#) 14 Gaddafi has accepted an African Union road map to ending a civil war in the North African country, but rebels says they will not back down on their demand that Gaddafi must go.
- 12.04.2011 [UPI](#) 14 Egypt halted construction of an underground steel wall designed to stop weapons smuggling along its border with Gaza
- 13.04.2011 [BBC](#) 14 Hosni Mubarak has been detained for 15 days, ahead of a corruption probe and just hours after he was hospitalized [for heart attack]
- 13.04.2011 [Guardian](#) 6 Syrian troops shot by security forces - soldiers who refused to fire on protesters in Baniyas were shot by security services
- 14.04.2011 [Press.tv](#) 14 Egypt's PM Essam Sharraf has asked for the revision of all contracts related to natural gas exports abroad, particularly to Israel ... could bring Egypt an extra 3-4 billion dollars in revenues
- 14.04.2011 [Press.tv](#) 14 USA has been criticized for being silent about the recent killings of anti-government protesters in Bahrain {"we don't criticize our allies"}
- 16.04.2011 [Guardian](#) 28 Gaddafi forces 'using cluster bombs in Misrata' {like Israel in Lebanon}
- 17.04.2011 [Telepolis](#) 28 hätten bis zum Verbot 2008 zwei [spanische] Firmen Streumunition herge-stellt ... die nun in Libyen zum Einsatz kommt {also nicht gratis entsorgt}
- 17.04.2011 [Rian](#) 14 The Egyptian Supreme Administrative Court has ordered to dissolve the country's ousted President Hosni Mubarak's party
- 18.04.2011 [Al Jazeera Q](#) 11 France has shut its border to trains from Italy in an attempt to stop north African migrants from entering the country
- 19.04.2011 [You Tube](#) 28 Ron Paul "There's No Place For People Making Billions Off Weapons For Wars We Shouldn't Be In!"
- 19.04.2011 [Guardian](#) 14 EU awaits Libya troops go-ahead - Member states poised to send 1,000 soldiers to besieged rebel city of Misrata
- 19.04.2011 [Haaretz](#) 14 Southern Egypt demonstrators demand Islamic law - defiance over the government's appointment of a Christian governor
- 19.04.2011 [Rian](#) 14 Arms supplies to Libya by Western countries are a violation of the UN resolution on the North African state, Russia's permanent envoy to NATO
- 20.04.2011 [Haaretz](#) 6 When will Israel, like Syria, lift its emergency laws?

21.04.2011	Press.tv	14 Saudi activists plan to hold a rally in the eastern city of Qatif to protest the army's invasion in Bahrain and to demand the release of political prisoners {the missing link in Islamic nation's domino}
21.04.2011	Rian	14 [French general:] NATO forces operating in Libya may at any time send troops in to arrest Muammar Gaddafi without breaching the UN Security Council's resolution
22.04.2011	Guardian	14 Obama approves use of Predator drones in Libya
22.04.2011	Haaretz	14 Israel gets 40 percent of its natural gas from Egypt under arrangement put in place after 1979 peace deal
22.04.2011	Haaretz	6 Assad ratifies end of 48-year emergency rule in Syria
23.04.2011	Rian	11 France may suspend its commitments under the Schengen agreement on border-free travel in the EU due to an influx of refugees from Tunisia and Libya
23.04.2011	Independent	6 Syrian security forces shot and killed at least 75 people yesterday on the bloodiest day so far of weeks of mounting protests
25.04.2011	Daily Mail	28 the Predators are flown remotely, usually from the air conditioned Creech Air Force base just outside Las Vegas
25.04.2011	BBC	14 >470 inmates at an Afghan prison escape through tunnel 100s of m long
26.04.2011	Haaretz	14 [Most] Egyptians want to cancel peace treaty with Israel - Only 36% of Egyptians are in favor of maintaining the treaty
26.04.2011	Telepolis	6 Syrien: Armee hat übernommen - Das Blutbad weitet sich aus. Signale für potentiellen Bürgerkrieg nehmen zu
27.04.2011	Maan	14 A group of armed men entered the Palestinian embassy in Algeria and attacked its ambassador and other diplomats ... The attackers were believed to be Palestinians living in Algeria
27.04.2011	Guardian	11 Call for closed EU borders in wake of Arab protests
28.04.2011	Wash Times	14 [FB 21.2.] A group of al Qaeda fighters in the eastern Libyan port city of Derna has declared the Islamic Emirate of Barqa ... Derna was famous as one of the havens of the Barbary Pirates, and was captured by U.S. Marines in 1805 - the first victory of American arms abroad
28.04.2011	Haaretz	6 UN Security Council fails to condemn Syria protest crackdown - Russia, China, Lebanon oppose making a joint statement
29.04.2011	Haaretz	14 Egypt FM: Gaza border crossing to be permanently opened
29.04.2011	Guardian	3 Morocco terrorism attack kills 15 - 11 of them tourists
30.04.2011	Reuters	14 troops loyal to Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi were increasingly engaging in sexual violence and some had been [given] Viagra ... Several diplomats said [UN-embassdor Susan] Rice provided no evidence for the Viagra allegation {a new dimension of American war propaganda}
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