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Gadhafi Spokesman: Govt Arming Civilians in Anticipation of NATO Invasion

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In comments made on Thursday, Libyan government spokesman Mussa Ibrahim revealed that the Gadhafi regime has been arming civilians around their controlled areas in preparations for resisting a NATO ground invasion.

“Many cities have organized themselves into squads to fight any possible NATO invasion,” [Ibrahim revealed, adding that if NATO invaded](#) “we will make it 10 times as bad as Iraq.”

While NATO members have been pushing for the escalation of the war, it does not appear a ground invasion is impending. The [UN resolution which NATO used](#) as a pretext for the war explicitly forbids ground troops from occupying Libyan territory.

At the same time, a separate UN effort to provide humanitarian relief is underway. The European Union [is said to be considering 1,000 ground troops](#) for Libya as part of this UN plan.