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US Rejects Libya Ceasefire, Vows War Will Continue

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Libyan officials have directed phone calls to a number of NATO member nations urging a ceasefire in a ongoing NATO war. The call was immediately spurned by the US, who said the offer was “not credible” and vowed the war would continue.



White House deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes [said the US was absolutely opposed to the ceasefire because](#) the Gadhafi-led government is “not complying with UN demands.” It is so far unclear if other NATO member nations may be more open to the idea.

Libyan Prime Minister Baghdadi Ali Mahmoudi insisted that the offer was sincere and that Libya is “serious about a ceasefire.” He said the offer was to be based on an African Union road map for peace in the nation, [which Libyan officials endorsed previously](#).

Mustafa Jalil, the head of the East Libyan rebel government, said that his faction is open to “any initiative which starts with the departure of Gadhafi.” The [rebel government previously rejected the African Union ceasefire](#).