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(U) In a speech broadcast on state television hours after the strikes began, Qadhafi said he will arm civilians to defend Libya from what he called "colonial, crusader" aggression by Western forces that have launched air strikes against him, media report. He said, "We call on the peoples and citizens of the Arab and Islamic nations, Latin America, Asia, and Africa to stand by the heroic Libyan people to confront this aggression, which will only increase the Libyan people's strength, firmness and unity."

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