

RELEASE IN FULL

From: Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2011 11:32 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Australia says recognizes Libya rebel council (Reuters)

From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 11:26 AM
To: NEWS-Mahogany; NEWS-Libya; NEWS-EAP
Subject: Australia says recognizes Libya rebel council (Reuters)

ABU DHABI (Reuters) - Australia has recognized Libya's rebel Transitional National Council as the country's legitimate political representative, Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd said June 9. "We do not recognize governments, we recognize states," he told reporters at a summit aimed at backing the Benghazi-based rebels against Qadhafi's rule. He called the council "the legitimate interlocutor of the Libyan people, and we use that formulation deliberately."

NewsTickers alert senior Department officials to breaking news. This item appears as it did in its original publication and does not contain analysis or commentary by Department sources.