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For: Hillary  
From: Sid  
Re: Rumor: Q's rape policy

I communicated more than a week ago on this story—Qaddafi placing bodies to create PR stunts about supposed civilian casualties as a result of Allied bombing—though underlining it was a rumor. But now, as you know, Robert Gates gives credence to it. (See story below.)

Sources now say, again rumor (that is, this information comes from the rebel side and is unconfirmed independently by Western intelligence), that Qaddafi has adopted a rape policy and has even distributed Viagra to troops. The incident at the Tripoli press conference involving a woman claiming to be raped is likely to be part of a much larger outrage. Will seek further confirmation.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/03/26/robert-gates-libya-violence-gaddafi-bodies\\_n\\_841081.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/03/26/robert-gates-libya-violence-gaddafi-bodies_n_841081.html)

WASHINGTON -- The Obama administration says the Libyan government's claims of civilians killed in airstrikes are unproven.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates says "the truth of the matter is we have trouble coming up with proof of any civilian casualties that we have been responsible for."

Gates said there were numerous intelligence reports suggesting Moammar Gadhafi's regime was taking bodies of people killed by the pro-government forces and placing them at sites attacked by U.S. planes.

Gates said the American forces and those of other countries enforcing the U.N. resolution to protect Libyan civilians have been "extremely careful."

Gates spoke Saturday in an interview pre-taped for CBS News' "Face The Nation" to be aired Sunday.