

# Libya Seeks Nigeria's Help to End NATO Bombardments

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Abuja, Jun 25 (PTI) Libya has sought Nigeria's help to halt the air attacks by NATO forces which seeks to force the embattled Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to quit.

Libyan Foreign minister Abdullahi Oubaidi met President Goodluck Jonathan yesterday and said he extracted a promise from the Nigerian leader to take up the issue at the forthcoming meeting of the African Union in Equatorial Guinea.

"The action of NATO is a strict violation of the sovereignty of Libya. The matter ought to have been allowed for internal resolution but has been blown out of control by NATO which has been bombing and killing innocent civilians", Oubaidi said adding that infrastructure in the country was totally being destroyed.

The action of NATO in the country which targets the air defence system of Libya came against the backdrop of allegations that civilians were being attacked while they try to exercise their fundamental human rights of embarking on peaceful protests.

Initial missile bombardments led by France was followed by a combination of attacks by other world powers with war planes trailed by combat helicopters.

African Union has sent several emissaries including South African President Jacob Zuma to the country to seek a peaceful solution to the civil war.

During the India-Africa Forum Summit held recently in Addis Ababa, President Teodore Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of Equatorial Guinea and the Chairman of African Union lamented the backseat given to Africa in tackling such problems.

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