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PEOPLE'S FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU REFUTES ALLEGATIONS.

TRIPOLI, AL NOWAR 1, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY//

THE BRITISH NORTHERN IRELAND MINISTER GAVE A STATEMENT ALLEGING THAT ARMS DISCOVERED ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES OF IRELAND CAME FROM LIBYA, AND THE WESTERN MEDIA ECHOED AND PROPAGATED THE ALLEGATION.

A SOURCE AT THE LIBYAN ARAB PEOPLE'S FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU GAVE JANA THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:-

1ST. - THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF THE FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU DENIES THAT THE JAMAHIRIYAH GOT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THOSE ARMS, CONTRARY TO WHAT WESTERN MEDIA AND BRITISH OFFICIALS BELIEVE.

2ND. - THE GREAT JAMAHIRIYAH, BASED ON ITS STANCE ON THE ISSUE OF FREEDOM, SUPPORTS THE STRUGGLE OF THE IRISH PEOPLE TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES FROM COLONIALISM.

3RD. - THE BRITISH COLONIALISM IN IRELAND IS AN OLD COLONIAL PROBLEM AND IRISH PEOPLE HAVE LIVED THROUGH IT AND STRUGGLED FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY TRYING TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, INSTEAD OF LOOKING AT THE SITUATION IN ITS HISTORIC, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS CONTEXT, TENDS TO SHIFT THE BLAME AND TO INVOLVE OTHERS AS A SCAPE FROM FACING THE SITUATION THAT IT FORCIBLY IMPOSES ON THE IRISH.

4TH. - INVOLVING THE JAMAHIRIYAH'S NAME IS IN REALITY PART OF A GENERAL PLOT BY AMERICA AND ITS SATELLITE BRITAIN TO CONCEAL THEIR IMPLICATION IN IMPOSING ON OTHER PEOPLES THEIR POLICIES OF INTIMIDATION AND COLONIALISATION.

THE JAMAHIRIYAH IS VERY KEEN ON PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH IRELAND AND ON CREATING OPPORTUNITIES THAT SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE TWO PEOPLES AWAY FROM PRESSURES BY FOREIGN POWERS.

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