

Tripoli: Concern regarding the death threats hanging over Mahdi Nazemroaya and Thierry Meyssan

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[photo above; Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya, Research Associate of the Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG)]

We are posting this advisory by our partner media group Voltaire Network regarding the death threats directed against Thierry Meyssan and Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya, who are currently stranded in the media centre of the Rixos hotel in Tripoli amidst heavy fighting around the hotel. Reporting out of Tripoli, Mahdi Nazemroaya, in the course of the last two months, has provided our readers' with a critical assessment of the NATO bombing raids.

Global Research will be preparing a more detailed statement on this issue. At the moment all our time and energy has been directed towards ensuring the safety of Mahdi, Thierry and several other independent journalists trapped in the Rixos Hotel. These endeavors have considerably slowed down our editorial work.

The atmosphere within the media centre of the Rixos Hotel in Tripoli must be understood.

The mainstream media, including CNN and the BBC have direct links to NATO, the Transitional Council and Rebel Forces. They are serving NATO interests in a direct way through massive media distortion.

At the same time, those within the Rixos Media Centre who are committed to the truth are the the object of veiled threats.

Those who say the truth are threatened.

Those who lie and accept the NATO consensus, their lives will be protected. NATO special forces operating within rebel ranks will ensure their safety.

It is unsavoury environment: personal ties have broken down. The independent media journalist as well as those from non-NATO countries including China, Iran, Latin America are considered "persona non grata" by the mainstream media groups within the hotel.

We wish to thank the staff of Russia Today for assisting Thierry and Mahdi as well as for their unbending support to Truth in Media.

Russia Today has provided a balanced and unbiased TV coverage of unfolding events in Libya.

We thank our readers for supporting Global Research and expressing their solidarity with Mahdi Nazemroaya and Thierry Meyssan, whose lives in Tripoli are threatened essentially for saying the truth.

While we have no time and energy at this critical juncture to implement a donation drive, more than ever we need the support of our readers to cover mounting expenses involved in the media battle for truth.

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Voltaire Network, Monday, August 22, 2011, 13:20 GMT - Voltaire Network is concerned about the threats targeting two of its team members in Tripoli. Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya, Research Associate, Centre for Research on Globalization, and Thierry Meyssan, president and founder of Voltaire Network and the Axis for Peace Conference, are entrenched in the Hotel Rixos, around which heavy fighting is taking place. Reportedly, the order was given to shoot them down.

Thierry Meyssan has been in Tripoli since June 23, 2011. He started out by heading a fact-finding mission of Voltaire Network associates. For the past two months, he has been carrying out a journalistic investigation of the conflict. His stance differs from that of his peers in that: he describes the rebellion as a minority action, permitting to justify in the eyes of world public opinion a classic military operation.

Whatever the positions taken by Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya and Thierry Meyssan, these threats on their are unacceptable. Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya and Thierry Meyssan are not combatants, but journalists. Those who support this war, thinking that it is about democracy and freedom, can not possibly condone the assassination of journalists.

Currently, five states have offered them diplomatic protection. But the fighting around the hotel prevents them from leaving the premises and some of the embassies concerned have been encircled to make access impossible.

Aware of the threats hanging over them, Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya Thierry Meyssan have no intention of exposing themselves to any "stray bullet".

Voltaire Network calls on the citizens of those countries involved in the war to exert pressure on their governments to ensure the safety of these journalists. It is asking each and everyone to play his/her role as citizens and to disseminate this information.

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