



AFRICA/LIBYA - "The militias are vying for the funds left by Gaddafi" say local sources

Tripoli (Agenzia Fides) - "It was not the militants of Yafran to attack the seat of government, but those of Zeltan" say to Fides qualified sources from Tripoli, in Libya, where yesterday, May 8, a militia group attacked the headquarters of the Libyan government asking for the payment of fees owed to them for having fought for eight months against Muammar Qaddafi and his regime. The 200 militants had arrived on board of about 50 vehicles equipped with weapons of different calibers, including some anti-aircraft guns: they surrounded the seat of government, blocked all the surrounding roads and after firing the first gusts of intimidation and attempted to unnecessarily start a negotiation, they raided the building. The reaction of the security forces made it possible to release the seat of government and restore order. In the gunfight at least one person was killed and several others wounded

The sources of Fides, which for security reasons wish to remain anonymous, pointed out that this episode should be viewed in the struggle to get their hands on the "incredible amount of money left by Gaddafi. Everyone wants to have his/her share. The problem of the stabilization of Libya stems from here." "In Libya, there are still many bank accounts in Gaddafi's name" continue Fides sources, and "bank managers are encouraged to transfer these funds to other shores." "There is an incredible flow of cash and gold, because there are 'treasures' of the old regime which are buried in the desert, and everybody is trying to get their hands on them, in one way or another," conclude our sources. (L.M.) (Agenzia Fides 09/05/2012)