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Ruppersberger Releases Statement on Situation in Libya

(Washington, DC) – Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD), Ranking Member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, released the following statement today on the situation in Libya.

“This is the beginning of the end for Libyan dictator Moammar Gaddafi. It is becoming more apparent the Gaddafi regime is falling apart as rebels control more of the country, including a majority of Tripoli.

From the very beginning, I said Gaddafi was a ruthless terrorist with no respect for human life who could strike again. Our actions in Libya protected America’s national security as well as security worldwide. The UN-led mission was supported by an unprecedented coalition of countries, including the Arab League and European allies, and prevented the widespread massacre of thousands of innocent Libyan people without putting American boots on the ground.

As we move forward, the international community must ensure a peaceful transition where the will of the Libyan people is heard. We must also ensure radical extremist groups do not take control of the country. Libya has a large stockpile of chemical weapons and explosives that must not fall into the wrong hands.”

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