

**Libya's Gaddafi scorns rebel 'rats', blames France**  
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RABAT, Aug 21 — Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi congratulated his supporters for repelling an attack by rebel "rats" in the capital Tripoli, and accused French President Nicolas Sarkozy of trying to steal the country's oil.

Gaddafi made the remarks in a live audio broadcast over state television early today, adding the rebels were "bent on the destruction of the Libyan people." — Reuters

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