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Egypt

1. Evacuation process in Egypt for Indians Mumbai, Tuesday, 1 February 2011

300 Indians landed at the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport here from Cairo by a special Air India flight on Monday. “The condition was similar to what India faced during the 1992-93 riots,” a woman residing in Cairo for more than eight months with her family said.

Source: *The Hindu*, Chennai

<http://www.hindu.com/2011/02/01/stories/2011020165681200.htm>

2. India expresses support for the mass uprising in Egypt New Delhi, Wednesday, 2 February 2011

India on Tuesday came out with a stand on Egypt by terming the mass protests an “articulation of the aspirations of the Egyptian people for reform.” Indian position of sympathising with the street protests in several Egyptian cities was an improvement over the previous MEA statement”.

Source: *The Hindu*, Chennai

<http://www.hindu.com/2011/02/02/stories/2011020264071800.htm>

3. India supports Mubarak stepping down New Delhi, Thursday, 3 February 2011

India suggested subtly on Wednesday that President Hosni Mubarak should step down and pave the way for a regime change in Egypt.

Source: *The Hindu*, Chennai

<http://www.hindu.com/2011/02/03/stories/2011020367781400.htm>

4. India welcomes Mubarak's decision

New Delhi, Sunday, 13 February 2011

India has welcomed the decision of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to step down “in deference to the wishes of the people of Egypt.”

Source: *The Hindu*, Chennai

<http://www.hindu.com/2011/02/13/stories/2011021363721200.htm>

Iraq

5. Indian envoy to Iraq, first time since Saddam

New Delhi, Sunday, 20 February, 2011

After a seven-year hiatus — the last Indian ambassador to Baghdad being B B Tyagi — India has finally decided to post an ambassador to Iraq. While the details are still being worked out, sources said, the government has taken the view that the time has come for India to upgrade its presence there.

Source: *The Indian Express*, New Delhi

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/new-delhi-names-envoy-to-iraq-first-time-s/752372/>

Libya

6. Libya's ambassador to India resigns amid bloodshed

New Delhi, Tuesday, 22 February 2011

Libya's ambassador to India on Tuesday resigned from his post and called on the international community to stop the violent government crackdown against protesters in Libya.

Source: *Jerusalem Post*

<http://www.jpost.com/Headlines/Article.aspx?id=209308>

7. Plans under way to ensure Indians' safety in Libya

New Delhi, Tuesday, 22 February 2011

As the violence in Libya increased, India has worked out contingency plans to ensure the safety of its nationals especially in Benghazi. With no consular presence outside Tripoli, India is contacting other countries, especially from the European Union, whose citizens are trapped in cities where fighting is rampant.

Source: *The Hindu*, Chennai

<http://www.hindu.com/2011/02/22/stories/2011022264751700.htm>

8. India opposes the decision to refer the Libyan case to ICC

United Nations, Saturday, 26 February 2011

UN Security Council discusses sanctions for Tripoli; Portugal, Brazil, India, oppose immediate referral to International Criminal Court preferring language that leaves door open to bringing Libya to the ICC.

Source: *Jerusalem Post*

<http://www.jpost.com/MiddleEast/Article.aspx?id=209988>

9. Indians arrive from Libya

New Delhi, Sunday, 27 February, 2011

Mounting a major multimode exercise to transport its nationals to safety from Libya, India by Saturday evacuated nearly 700 of its 18,000 people stranded in the strife-torn country.

Source: *The Hindu*, Chennai

<http://www.hindu.com/2011/02/27/stories/2011022762560100.htm>

10. Naval ships sail for the rescue mission to Libya

Mumbai, Sunday, 27 February, 2011

As a part of the efforts to rescue stranded Indians from turmoil-ridden Libya, Indian Naval Ships INS Jalashwa and INS Mysore set sail from here on Saturday afternoon.

Source: *The Hindu*, Chennai

<http://www.hindu.com/2011/02/27/stories/2011022761580900.htm>

11. UNSC unanimously slaps sanctions on Libya

United Nations, Sunday, 27 February, 2011

India and 14 other members of the powerful UN Security Council today unanimously slapped "biting sanctions" on the Gaddafi regime in the form of an arms embargo, asset freezes and travel ban and also ordered an international war crimes probe into the bloodshed in Libya.

Source: *The Indian Express*, New Delhi

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/unsc-unanimously-slaps-sanctions-on-libya/755459/>

12. Fear for lives of those left behind in Libya

New Delhi, Monday, 28 February, 2011

Tense and still anxious about friends and relatives stranded in the violence-torn Libya, the first group of Indians, who arrived here by an Air India special flight from Tripoli on Saturday night, said they feared for the lives of those left behind.

Source: *The Hindu*, Chennai

<http://www.hindu.com/2011/02/28/stories/2011022864601200.htm>

Oman

13. Oman Ruler's trip postponed

New Delhi, Friday, 18 February 2011

Due to the large scale protests in the Arab world, Oman's ruler Sultan Qaboos bin postponed his visit to India.

Source: *The Times of India*, New Delhi

http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2011-02-18/india/28614653_1_sultan-qaboos-ruler-oman

UAE

14. Blood money paid to save eight Indians

Dubai, Wednesday, 2 February, 2011

The case involving eight Indians jailed in Dubai for a murder is likely to be settled as the blood money has been paid to the victim's father.

Source: *The Indian Express*, New Delhi

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/dubai-murder-case-blood-money-paid-to-save/745071/>

Miscellaneous

15. Defence Minister Anthony speaks about Egypt

New Delhi, Monday, 31 January 2011

Indian Defence Minister A.K. Anthony expresses concern over the unrest in Egypt and talks about the steps being taken to ensure the security of Indians in Egypt.

Source: *The Hindustan Times*, New Delhi

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Suspected-Chinese-spies-being-probed-says-Antony/Article1-656853.aspx>

16. Attempts being made to do a Cairo in Kashmir: Omar
Jammu, Sunday, 20 February, 2011

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday said an attempt was being made to instigate people replicate Cairo in Kashmir.

Source: *The Indian Express*, New Delhi

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/attempts-being-made-to-do-a-cairo-in-kashmi/752345/>

17. India will not offer unsolicited advice to Arab nations: Krishna
On Board Special Aircraft, Monday, 28 February, 2011

Although India wanted peace and stability to return to Arab countries, its “basic proposition” was that it would not offer unsolicited advice. The government's immediate focus and attention was on bringing back Indians who wanted to return from countries in turmoil, External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna told journalists while returning from a three-day visit to Kuwait.

Source: *The Hindu*, Chennai

<http://www.hindu.com/2011/02/28/stories/2011022864821600.htm>

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