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President Barack Obama meets with Prime Minister Dr. Abdurrahim EIKeib of Libya in the Roosevelt Room of the White House March 7, 2012. (WH Photo)

## PM EIKeib Makes Historic Visit to the White House

Washington D. C.- On Wednesday, President Obama welcomed the Libyan Prime Minister Abdurrahim EIKeib to the White House, kicking off three days of meetings for the Libyan leader in New York and Washington with US officials, members of Congress, and business and policy leaders.

Dr. EIKeib was the first Libyan prime minister to visit the White House in nearly 60

years, indicating a new era of friendship between the United States and Libya, said a statement by the White House.

During Wednesday's meeting President Obama applauded Dr. EIKeib's leadership and encouraged his government to make continued progress with the country's democratic transition.

The American President pledged the support of the

United States to the people of Libya as they work to hold the country's first free and fair

national elections later this summer.

Mr. Obama encouraged

Prime Minister EIKeib to take full advantage of

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### Libyans Vehemently Reject Calls for Federalism, Consider It Conspiracy against Nation

Misurata-- The chairman of the National Transitional Council (NTC) Mustafa Abdel Jalil has said he will defend the country's national unity "with force" if necessary, after tribal and political leaders declared

semi-autonomy for Libya's oil-rich eastern region.

Later, the spokesman of the NTC clarified that the chairman did not mean to use military force but moral and political force in order to convince the

elements who are tempering with national unity that what they are doing does not serve the national interest.

"We are not prepared to divide Libya," Jalil confirmed.

Speaking at a conference in Misrata to unveil a draft national charter for Libya, he called on key figures in the eastern Cyrenaica region, to engage in dialogue, and warned them that former members of the Gaddafi regime were among their ranks:

"They should know that there are infiltrators and re

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