

Muammar Gaddafi at the 2008 Arab League Summit

English transcript of a speech excerpt shared via Instagram Reel · Managing Expectations Voices

Source Reel	https://www.instagram.com/reel/DYWMX-QOgQ9/?igsh=NTY3bGFsaHZha3M2
Instagram account visible	lightpropaganda
Visible caption context	2008 Arab League Summit in Damascus; Gaddafi criticizing Arab disunity, Iraq, Saddam Hussein's execution, and foreign intervention.
Audio length captured	134.8 seconds
Transcript type	Machine-assisted English translation, checked against Arabic audio and outside context; not an official transcript.

Source and accuracy note

This PDF is a shareable English transcript of the speech excerpt in the linked Instagram Reel. The speech is Arabic. The English text below was produced from the captured audio using local speech recognition, then manually cleaned against the Arabic machine transcript and checked against public reporting on the March 29, 2008 Arab League Summit in Damascus.

Independent context checks found reporting from Al Jazeera and ABC News, plus search-result references to MEMRI transcripts for the same summit speech. MEMRI pages were blocked to direct fetch in this environment, so this PDF does not reproduce a MEMRI text; it uses the audio captured from the Reel as the working source.

Bracketed wording is avoided unless necessary. Where the audio or automated Arabic capture was imperfect, the translation uses the most likely meaning based on the phrase and context. The central phrases — “weapons of mass destruction,” “foreign forces,” “hanging of Saddam Hussein,” and “your turn may come” — were cross-checked against the audio/context.

English transcript

What was the reason for destroying Iraq, invading Iraq, and killing a million Iraqis?

The Americans should answer this question. Why Iraq? What was the reason?

Was bin Laden Iraqi? No. Were the people who struck New York Iraqis? No. Were the people who struck the Pentagon Iraqis? No.

Did Iraq have weapons of mass destruction? It did not.

Even if Iraq had weapons of mass destruction: Pakistan has nuclear bombs. India has nuclear bombs. China, Russia, Britain, France, and America all have nuclear bombs. Should all of them

be destroyed?

All right, then: should we destroy every country that has weapons of mass destruction?

Foreign forces come and occupy an Arab country, and hang its president, while we watch and laugh.

Why was there no investigation into the hanging of Saddam Hussein? How can a prisoner of war be hanged — the president of an Arab country, a member of the Arab League?

We are not talking here about Saddam Hussein's policies, or political disagreements with him. We all had political disagreements with him — and even among ourselves now, there is nothing that brings us together.

Why was there no investigation into the execution of Saddam Hussein? An entire Arab leadership is killed, hanged — and we watch. Why?

The turn may come to you. To all of you.

Why did America fight alongside Saddam Hussein against Khomeini? Why did America fight alongside Saddam Hussein against Khomeini?

He was their friend. Cheney was a friend of Saddam Hussein. Rumsfeld was the U.S. defence secretary when they were dealing with Iraq; he was a close friend of Saddam Hussein.

And in the end, they sold him out and hanged him.

Even you are friends of America. We are friends of America. Let us say it plainly: all of us are friends of America.

Will America agree to hang us one day?

Context card

The Reel caption says the speech was from the 2008 Arab League Summit in Damascus. In that speech, Gaddafi criticized the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, Arab disunity, and the treatment of Saddam Hussein after his removal from power. Al Jazeera reported on March 29, 2008 that Gaddafi asked how Arabs could accept a foreign power toppling an Arab leader while they watched, and ABC reported his warning that U.S. allies could suffer Saddam's fate.

This transcript is provided for source-literacy and discussion. It does not endorse Gaddafi's record, all claims in the speech, or the Instagram account that reposted it. It preserves what the excerpt says so readers can evaluate the argument directly.

Files preserved during preparation

- gaddafi-reel-audio.mp4 — downloaded audio stream from Instagram browser session
- gaddafi-reel-audio.wav — local 16 kHz transcription copy

- transcript-arabic-medium-raw.txt — Arabic machine transcript
- transcript-english-medium-raw.txt — machine English translation draft
- source Instagram page HTML and search-result captures