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PIRA LIBYAN CONNECTION

At a meeting in Geneva on the 9th June 1992, Libyan officials disclosed information to a British Official indicating the extent of the Aid provided by Libya to the PIRA between 1973 and 1987.

The information related to three (3) distinct areas -

- (i) Munitions
- (ii) Finance
- (iii) Training

Outlined hereunder is a resume of the information disclosed.

(i) Munitions

There were six shipments of materials between March 1973 and October 1987.

(1) MV CLAUDIA (MARCH 1973)

250 Kalashnikovs

20,000 Rounds of Kalashnikov Ammunition

40 Electric Detonators

40 Mechanical Detonators

6 Fuses

300 Kilograms Explosive Material

104 Tint Charges

20 Metres - 4 rolls of Detonating/Fuse Cord

500 Grenades

4,800 rounds of Pistol Ammunition (38D)

100 Anti-Tank Mines

100 Anti-Personnel Mines.

(2) MV CASAMARA (AUGUST 1985)

50 Kalashnikovs

3 Dushka Machine Guns 12.7

3,5000 Rounds of Ammunition for Dushka M-G

3 RPGS

3 RPGS and Launchers

30 RPG Grenades

10 Sam-7 Missiles

65 Grenades

50 9mm Pistols

(3) MV CASAMARA (OCTOBER 1985)

150 Kalashnikovs

10 General purpose Machine Guns

25,000 Rounds of Machine Gun Ammunition

3 Dushka Machine Guns

10 RPGS

50 RPG Grenades

75,000 Rounds of Ammunition (62.7 x 39 Calibre)

500 Kilograms Plastic Explosive

100 Grenades

30 Wobbly Pistols

5,000 Rounds of 38D Ammunition

100 Grenades

(4) MV KULA (JULY 1986) Formerly named CASAMARA

10 Kalashnikovs

11 RPGS

50 RPG Grenades

191,520 Rounds of Ammunition (62.7 x 39 Calibre)

23,200 Rounds of Ammunition (12.7 Calibre)

(5) MV VILLA (OCTOBER 1986)

99 Kalashnikovs

30 General purpose Machine Guns

516,000 Rounds of Ammunition for Machine Guns

20 Dushka Machine Guns

9 RPGS

490,360 Rounds of Ammunition (62.7 x 30 Calibre)

500 Electrical Detonators

500 Mechanical Detonators

5,000 KG Plastic Explosive

5,000 Metres Security Strip

100 Wobbly Pistols

5,000 Rounds of 38D Ammunition

94,00 Rounds of 12.7 Ammunition

10 Flame Throwers

200 Rounds of Ammunition for Flame Throwers.

Comment: The number of Kalashnikovs should almost certainly read 990.)

(6) M.V. ESKUND (OCTOBER 1987)

Seized by French Authorities in French Territorial Waters in October, 1987.

(ii) FINANCE

Financial Aid was supplied by Libya to the PIRA between 1973 and 1975 and again between 1985 and 1986. Total sums involved were -

7,715,863 US Dollars 36,361 Pound Sterling 250,000 D Mark 395,410 S Francs 295.000 F Francs.

Between 1988 and January 1990 a further \$ 4,940,000 was supplied. The payments were all in cash. No Bank Accounts were used.

(iii) TRAINING & 12,655,863

The Libyans had supplied a number of names of PIRA members who had received training in Libya.

Apart for the name of Seamus Twoomey (Deceased), all of the others supplied would appear to be nom de plumes which were assumed by PIRA personnel to disquise their travel to Libya.

This aspect of the information is the subject of current investigation by the Garda Siochana.

The munitions shipments detailed correspond quite accurately to our latest assessments, as the result of intelligence.

The information contained in this report is regarded as extremely sensitive. The disclosure of any part of this information outside the environs of your department could seriously jeopardise the current negotiations between Britain and Libya.

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