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Side-by-Side Comparison of Two Articles from 2011 on the Disappearance of Moammar Ghadafi

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Mr. Yusuf Estes' article: <http://www.islamnewsroom.com/news-we-need/1578>

Mr. Ben Forer's article: <http://abcnews.go.com/International/moammar-gadhafi-mad-dog-middle-east/story?id=14355364>

INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND FOLLOW-UP

The initial assumption made in this case was that it seemed Mr. Yusuf Estes copied the content of Mr. Ben Forer's article, only adding a brief introduction. This assumption was made for the following reasons:

- 1) Mr. Ben Forer's article (dated August 22, 2011) was published a week before that of Mr. Yusuf Estes (dated August 29, 2011).
- 2) The additional introduction of Mr. Yusuf Estes' article does not match the tone of the remainder, which is typical in acts of plagiarism.
- 3) The internal links to other ABC.com pages throughout the article are also found in Mr. Yusuf Estes' article.
- 4) Mr. Yusuf Estes' history of plagiarism. (See our previous case studies.)

07-26-2013: Mr. Ben Forer was contacted by email and provided with a link to Mr. Yusuf Estes' article.

12-19-2013: Case study published for the benefit of those interested in plagiarism studies in general, and to warn against the specific violations of academic integrity perpetrated by Yusuf Estes as well. A series of case studies of the plagiarism of Yusuf Estes is made available at www.YusufEstesQuran.com, as well as other reports of incidents of academic dishonesty.

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