

Gaddafi `accepts` ceasefire roadmap

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A delegation of African leaders said last night that their Libyan counterpart, Muammar Gaddafi, had accepted their "road map" for a ceasefire with rebels.

They met Gaddafi hours after Nato airstrikes battered his tanks, helping Libyan rebels push back government troops who had been advancing quickly toward the opposition's eastern stronghold.

The African Union's road map calls for an immediate cease-fire, cooperation in opening channels for humanitarian aid and starting a dialogue between the rebels and the government.

AU officials, however, made no mention of any requirement for Gaddafi to pull his troops out of cities as rebels have demanded.

"We have completed our mission with the brother leader, and the brother leader's delegation has accepted the road map as presented by us," said South African President Jacob Zuma.

He travelled to Tripoli with the heads of Mali and Mauritania to meet with Gaddafi, whose more than 40-year rule has been threatened by the uprising that began nearly two months ago.

"We will be proceeding to meet the other party to talk to everybody and present a political solution," Mr Zuma said, speaking at Gaddafi's private Tripoli compound, Bab al-Aziziya. He called on Nato to end airstrikes to "give the ceasefire a chance".

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