



### **LIBYAN LAWS AND REGULATIONS REQUIRE FOREIGN COMPANIES TO EMPLOY LIBYAN NATIONALS**

The Department of Foreign Affairs reported that Libyan Secretary of the General People's Committee for Manpower, Training and Employment, Mr. Maatuq Mohammed Maatuq had cautioned foreign companies working in Great Jamahiriya to strictly obey Libyan laws and regulations on employment by providing work opportunities to Libyans and reducing dependents on foreign workers. According to the law, jobs that do not require special skills or training such as drivers, guards, maintenance workers and other similar jobs should all go to Libyan citizens. Foreign companies must comply with the laws especially those that require the training of national employees. Libyan nationals should have the same treatment as foreigner workers with regard to wages, medical insurance and other benefits.

Presently, many Libyans are out of work due to the presence of cheap labor from North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. The Libyan government is now trying to rectify the unemployment situation to enable Libyans to find jobs in their own country. The Libyan government seems bent on attaining this objective by the strict enforcement of a regulation requiring foreign companies in Libya to employ Libyans as operators of company service vehicles.