

**Reference code:** GB165-0736

**Title:** Libyan Newspapers 1969 Coup

**Name of creator:** Daily News, Libya  
The Libyan Mail

**Dates of creation of material:** 6-7 Sept 1969

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 3 items

**Administrative History:** The Libyan monarchy (King Idris I) was overthrown in a coup on 1 Sept 1969 by about 70 army officers known as the Free Officers Movement lead by Colonel Muammar Gaddafi. The Free Officers Movement was headed by the Revolutionary Command Council, which was a 12-member directorate.

**Scope and content:** Three English language Libyan newspapers recording the events of the 1969 coup in Libya consisting of the Daily News 6 Sept 1969, Daily News 7 Sept 1969 and The Libyan Mail Special Edition 7 Sept 1969.

**System of arrangement:** Chronological

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

**Conditions governing reproduction:** No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

**Custodial history:** In the possession of Peter McLaren

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from Peter McLaren on 20 Sept 2018

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds and item level description created by Debbie Usher 20 Sept 2018

**ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE LIBYAN NEWSPAPERS 1969 COUP  
COLLECTION**

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| 1 | <u>Daily News</u>   | 6 Sept 1969 | 4 sheets |
|   | Libyan newspaper with the headline 'World Wide Support for Libyan Revolutionary Command Council' which includes news of Hasan Rida's abdication and pictures of crowds supporting the revolution. |             |          |
| 2 | <u>Daily News</u>   | 7 Sept 1969 | 4 sheets |
|   | Libyan newspaper with the headline 'Revolutionary Command Council holds important meeting' relating to the formation of a new Government.   |             |          |
| 3 | <u>The Libyan Mail Special Edition</u>  | 7 Sept 1969 | 2 sheets |
|   | Libyan newspaper with the headline 'Dawn Coup heralds New Republic' detailing the events of the coup and the response of the Libyan people.   |             |          |