

□ ICC to probe Gaddafi over violence

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03 March 2011 Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, and his key aides will be investigated for alleged crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court, the chief prosecutor has said. Speaking at a press conference in The Hague, the Netherlands, on Thursday, Luis Moreno-Ocampo said he would investigate claims that peaceful protesters had been attacked by forces loyal to Gaddafi. "We have identified some individuals with de facto or formal authority, who have authority over the security forces," that have clamped down on a rebellion that started on February 15, he said.

"They are Muammar Gaddafi, his inner circle, including some of his sons," he said, and vowed there would be "no impunity in Libya".

The prosecutor also listed individuals including the Libyan leader's head of personal security, and the head of the external security forces. He said he expected to ask judges at the court for arrest warrants within "a few months". He added that opposition forces would also be investigated. Alan Fisher, Al Jazeera's correspondent at The Hague, said Moreno-Ocampo was hoping to apply pressure to Libya over the violence. "He said the reality is that you cannot take tanks and guns and fire them into crowds that are peacefully protesting. As far as he's concerned that's a crime against humanity and has to be investigated."

Moreno-Ocampo's statement comes as government forces in Libya launch fresh assaults in the town of Ajdabiya and the eastern oil port town of Brega. See [full article](#)