

Gadhafi's son: France agreed to arms deal

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PARIS -- The son of Libyan President Moammar Gadhafi says that the release of six foreign medical workers followed a French arms agreement. Seif al-Islam Gadhafi made his claim in an interview published Wednesday in the French newspaper *Le Monde*. French President Nicolas Sarkozy denies that there was any arms deal. The younger Gadhafi said that the agreement included anti-tank missiles and plans for joint manufacture of weapons. He asked, "Did you know it is the first armaments deal by a Western country with Libya?" The five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor who has been granted Bulgarian citizenship were held for eight years in Libya and sentenced to death for infecting children with AIDS. International AIDS experts say the charge was unfounded. The Gadhafi interview has caused a political uproar in France and is likely to cause one in the European Union, the *EU Observer* reported. The European Union helped negotiate the release of the medical workers.

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