Libya / 2010–2011

Bani Walid university and housing

The meeting agenda

5. What information do we know or have about Libya, compile all of it, including the University of Bin Walid.

Item 5, from the agenda Jay circulated on February 8, 2011. The text asks the team to compile its information on the university, rendered “Bin Walid” in the original.

June and November 2010
Jay proposed budgeting a year in Tripoli and asked Munir to check office rents. The November 15 working agenda included this item: “Focus on attempting to get back the University contract in Bani Walid.”

February 2011
On February 4 Jay proposed sharing an exhibition stand of at least 12 square metres among interested firms. On February 22 he told design colleagues that the situation in Libya had made the outlook uncertain and pointed them to the Dead Sea opportunity in Jordan.

The housing evidence
RMJM identifies the government client and describes faculty housing. Contemporary reporting also identifies student housing. These sources document the campus design. An award to the Zaabri team for a separate homebuilding programme remains unverified.

RMJM / University portfolio and four campus images
School Construction News / Faculty and student housing, November 2008
Read the historical article and its sources at jayzaabri.com