

Bolivia's Morales Sees Oil, Greed Behind NATO Mission In Libya

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Evo Morales, Bolivia's socialist president, says NATO's intervention in Libya is an act of "imperialism" motivated by the West's desire to control natural resources.

In a press conference ahead of his address to the UN General Assembly this afternoon, Morales argued that the NATO bombing campaign against forces loyal to Colonel Muammar Gaddafi was part of a new strategy deployed by capitalist countries.

"They are trying to overcome their financial problems by whatever means [necessary to control] the natural resources of other countries," he told reporters.

Morales says NATO and the UN Security Council's refusal to intervene in the Israel-Palestine crisis – a conflict he maintains is comparable to that of Libya, without the important oil reserves – is evidence of the West's double standard for military intervention.

"There have been efforts in Libya to remove the government, drop bombs," he said "And what about in Palestine, where is NATO? Where Palestine is concerned where is the Security Council?"

Morales said he was disappointed by President Barack Obama's opening remarks at the General Assembly.

"I see a double standard on the part of President Obama which is disappointing. He talked about lasting peace, durable peace – but that can't be through [American] bases or military intervention."

President Morales also referred to the America's failure to move forward on the Kyoto Protocols and the continued existence of a large US nuclear arsenal as evidence that the American President was insincere in his commitment to climate change and nuclear disarmament.

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