

## Flashback to 2011: Libya's "Liberators" Sarkozy, Cameron and Erdogan congratulate NATO

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As French President Francois Hollande calls for the "[neutralization of Bashar Assad](#)", British Defence Minister Michael Fallon announces preparations for "[Striking ISIL in Syria \[...\] \[to\] keep our streets safe here at home](#)" and Turkish media proclaims "[Aleppo to become the 82nd province of Turkey](#)";

it is worth remembering the September 2011 visits by the arch-war criminals French President Nicolas Sarkozy, British Prime Minister David Cameron and Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan to the NATO-occupied Libya.

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Flashback to September 15th, 2011:



Le Figaro, 16 September 2011

Libyans welcome Sarkozy and Cameron as liberators

caption: [French] head of state [Nicolas Sarkozy] and British Prime Minister [David Cameron] in a street of Benghazi yesterday.

“This does go beyond Libya; this is a moment when the Arab spring could become an Arab summer and we see democracy advance in other countries too. I believe you have the opportunity to give an example to others about what taking back your country can mean.”

[British Prime Minister David Cameron, joint press conference with French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Libya’s “President” Mustafa Abdul Jalil, Corinthia Hotel, Tripoli, 15 September 2011]

(source: [Cameron and Sarkozy meet Libya’s new leaders in Tripoli](#), The Guardian, 15 September 2011)

“Do you know what I was thinking, walking round the streets of Tripoli and the hospital corridors? I was dreaming that one day young Syrians will have the same opportunity young Libyans are enjoying today, and that one day they too can say: “democracy and peaceful revolution are for us”. So perhaps the best thing I can do is dedicate our visit to Tripoli to all those people hoping Syria, too, can one day be a free country.”[French President Nicolas Sarkozy, joint press conference with British Prime Minister David Cameron and Libya’s “President” Mustafa Abdul Jalil, Corinthia Hotel, Tripoli, 15 September 2011]

(source: [Statements by Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the Republic, at his joint press conference with David Cameron, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Moustafa Abdul Jalil, Chairman of the Libyan National Transitional Council \(excerpts\)](#), France in the United Kingdom (official website of the embassy of France in London), 15 September 2011)



British Prime Minister David Cameron poses with NATO's mercenary-terrorists, Benghazi Airport, 15 September 2011



In Tripoli yesterday, from left: Bernard-Henri Lévy, Nicolas Sarkozy, Mahmoud Jibril and David Cameron. Top right, fierce fighting continues in Sirte. AFP/GETTY, SIPA PRESS/REX



## Conquering heroes hail new dawn for Libya – but have they jumped the gun?

By Kim Sengupta  
in Tripoli

THE OUTCOME had, for a long time, been far from certain and pockets of fierce loyalist resistance still remain unvanquished. But the civil war has to all intents and purposes been won by the rebels, and David Cameron and Nicolas Sarkozy came to Libya yesterday to gather plaudits for enabling the provisional victory to take place. At the same time, however, they were keen to stress that the intervention had absolutely nothing to do with oil. The British Prime Minister and the French President were given a warm

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[The Independent, 16 September 2011](http://www.independent.co.uk)





British Prime Minister David Cameron, Libya's "President" Mustafa Abdul Jalil, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and French author Bernard-Henri Levy (behind) are accompanied by NATO's mercenary-terrorists, Tripoli, 15 September 2011



French President Nicolas Sarkozy and British Prime Minister David Cameron shake hands with a wounded NATO mercenary-terrorist, Tripoli Medical Centre, 15 September 2011



British Prime Minister David Cameron shakes hands with a wounded NATO mercenary-terrorist as French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Libya's "President" Mustafa Abdul Jalil stand aside, Tripoli Medical Centre, 15 September 2011

Flashback to September 16th, 2011:



Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Libya's "President" Mustafa Abdul Jalil, Tripoli Airport, 16 September 2011

NATO's top mercenary-terrorist commander Mahdi al-Harati stands in the background.

Mahdi al-Harati has played a key role in NATO's invasion of Libya and then in NATO's covert war on Syria. (see also the "Flashback to 2010" section below)

Mr Erdogan's visit took place the day after French President Nicolas Sarkozy and British Prime Minister David Cameron's visit to Tripoli and Benghazi.





Libya's "President" Mustafa Abdul Jalil, Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, Deputy Prime Minister Bekir Bozdag, Energy Minister Taner Yildiz, Economy Minister Zafer Caglayan attend Friday prayers, Green Square, Tripoli, 16 September 2011. Turkey's Defense Minister Ismet Yilmaz and Minister of Transport Binali Yildirim [not seen in this photo] are also present.





Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan delivers his speech as Turkey's FM Ahmet Davutoglu, Libya's "President" Mustafa Abdul Jalil, "Prime Minister" Mahmoud Jibril and NATO's top mercenary-terrorist commander Abdel Hakem Belhaj stand aside, Green Square, Tripoli, 16 September 2011

Abdel Hakem Belhaj has played a key role in NATO's invasion of Libya and then in NATO's covert war on Syria.



Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan delivers a speech to a crowd waving flags of Turkey and Libya's 'National Transitional Council' "government", Green Square, Tripoli, 16 September 2011

"I was in Tunisia yesterday; I greeted people who carried out the Jasmine Revolution. Two days before that, I was in Egypt and I greeted people who have initiated the Arab Spring. Today, I am with you. [...]"

Those who repress their own people in Syria will not survive. The time of autocracies is over. Totalitarian regimes are disappearing. The rule of the people is coming." [Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, speech at the Green Square, Tripoli, 16 September 2011]

source: [Syria's oppressors will not survive, Erdoğan says in Libya](#), Today's Zaman, 16 September 2011

Flashback to April 2011:



Star, 16 April 2011. Help our country

[Turkey's] Prime Minister Erdoğan paid a morale-boosting visit to the wounded [NATO's mercenary-terrorists] who were brought from Libya [to Ataturk Hospital in Ankara]. One of the wounded thanked Erdoğan and asked for support: "Libyans are proud of you and give your name to their newborn babies. Please help our country."

Flashback to 2010:



During Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's visit to the wounded passengers of the Gaza-bound Mavi Marmara aid flotilla, Libyan-Irish "activist" Mahdi al-Harati kisses him on the forehead, Ataturk Hospital, Ankara, 3 June 2010 Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister and Turkey's Minister of Health Recep Akdag are standing aside. Qatar's Foreign Minister Ahmed bin Abdullah al-Mahmoud [not seen in this photo] is also [present](#).

Libyan-Irish "activist" Mahdi al-Harati (\*) was supposedly injured during Israeli army's assault on the Gaza-bound Mavi Marmara aid flotilla on May 31, 2010 and then brought to Turkey for treatment. In reality, this assault, which resulted in the massacre of 10 passengers (\*\*), was a joint false-flag operation by Israel, Turkey, Britain and U.S. launched nine months before NATO's overt invasion of Libya and covert war on Syria.

(\*) see the "Flashback to September 16th, 2011" section above

(\*\*) passenger Süleyman Ugur Söylemez succumbed to his injuries in May 2014

Haberturk, 4 June 2010

caption: Yesterday, [Turkey's Prime Minister] Erdogan visited the wounded. Libyan [Mahdi] Harati kissed Erdogan.

Flashback to 2014:





Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shakes hands with a wounded mercenary-terrorist, Israeli military field hospital in the occupied Golan near Israel's border with Syria, 18 February 2014

Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Ya'alon stands aside.



PRIME MINISTER Benjamin Netanyahu speaks to a Syrian man who was wounded in the civil war, during his visit to a military hospital on the Golan Heights yesterday. (Menahem Kahane/Reuters)

## PM: The world must not forget the true face of Iran

### Netanyahu visits Golan Heights field hospital for wounded Syrians

• By HERB KEESON

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday visited a Golan Heights field hospital that treats Syria's wounded, as part of his campaign to unveil "the true face of Iran."

"On the day that the world powers are opening talks in Vienna with Iran, it is important for the world to see pictures from this place," he said. "This place separates the good in the world from the evil in the world."

The good, the prime minister said, is Israel, which "saves lives from the daily slaughter taking place in Syria. This is the true face of Israel."

The evil, he continued, is Iran, which is arming those carrying out the slaughter.

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"From here," Netanyahu continued, "I want to say to the world, as the talks between the major powers and Iran are being resumed, that Iran has not changed its aggressive policies. Iran has not changed its brutal character; Iran continues to support the Assad regime, which is slaughtering its citizens. This is the true face of Iran, and the world must not forget that."

Netanyahu has spoken repeatedly in recent days of the need to remind the world of Iran's role in the Syrian civil war, its support of terrorist groups around the world, and its violation of the human rights of its own people, including the wholesale execution of civilians.

One government official said the point Netanyahu was

trying to hammer home was that the Assad regime was not an independent actor, and would not have survived as long as it had without Iranian support. The link between the situation in Syria and the restart of the negotiations over the Iranian nuclear program in Vienna, he added, was that the world must realize it was dealing with a mendacious regime that would stop at nothing to fulfill its goals.

Netanyahu toured the Golan Heights with Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon and IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz. At a lookout point overlooking the Syrian border, OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Yair Golan briefed Netanyahu on the presence of global jihad elements inside Syria, as well as on the work being done to fortify the Israeli-Syrian border fence.

[Jerusalem Post, 19 February 2014](#)

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[Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, remarks to the press during his visit to a wounded NATO mercenary-terrorist who receives treatment in a Israeli military field

hospital in the occupied Golan near Israel's border with Syria, 18 February 2014]

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