

# NATO, Al Qaeda Militia Killed Gaddafi

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An exclusive interview with Michel Chossudovsky, Global Research, from Montreal

A political analyst says that Libya's former leader Muammar Gaddafi was killed by an al-Qaeda group which was part of a planned operation masterminded by NATO forces.

In an exclusive interview with Press TV, Michel Chossudovsky, Global Research, tells us what is likely to happen during the aftermath of the death of Libya's former leader Muammar Gaddafi.

#### TRANSCRIPT

Press TV: Why is it that the no-fly zone continues, and is there a safety issue with Gaddafi out of the picture still?

**Chossudovsky:** Well, the "no-fly zone" isn't really a no-fly zone, it's an invasion, it's an occupation by NATO forces in derogation of the sovereignty of Libya and the Libyan people. Why is it continuing? Well, because there's no resistance to the invaders.

We must understand that this country has been bombed with 10,000 strike sorties, tens of thousands of people have been killed – there's no actua tally of casualities, but when you launch more than 10,000 strike sorties with more than 50,000 bombs, you can expect that this will not be quite as "humanitarian" as laid out in Security Council Resolution 1973.

That is why these bombing raids are continuing because the National Transitional Council still does not control the entire country as there are pockets of resistance which prevail.

**Press TV:** Under what pretext was Gaddafi and his family killed? Isn't this against what the people wanted?

**Chossudovsky:** What the people wanted? I think this was a very carefully organized intelligence operation by NATO as well as by other intelligence agencies.

According to Israeli sources, German intelligence, the Bundesnachrichtendienst, was part of NATO's efforts of tracking down the whereabouts of Gaddafi. I suspect that the capture and actual killing was coordinated in minute detail by NATO.

We must understand that the main foot soldiers of this war are part of an al-Qaeda affiliated militia, the Libya Islamic Fighting Group [LIFG]. Nothing proves that these are not terrorists, and al-Qaeda created these terrorists.

Those people committed the killing of Gaddafi, but they were under close surveillance of NATO forces. This was a NATO planned operation which was geared towards the assassination of political leader Muammar Gaddafi.

**Press TV:** Will NATO and the US now bring in their engineering firms like Halliburton, Baker Hughes, and security firms such as Dyn Corp and Blackwater to rebuild the country like they did in Iraq?

**Chossudovsky:** I think the scenario is to rebuild this country on borrowed money. In other words, what we're going to have are the donors and creditors coming in and saying they'll lend them money.

But, in fact, all the money, all the financial assets of Libya have been confiscated. Libya wouldn't have needed anybody to come in and rebuild.

But the irony is that you go into a country, you bomb its infrastructure – its water, food distribution, transportation, health, educational facilities, government buildings – it's a very cynical statement that they will come in and rebuild what they have destroyed, that "we will reconstruct what we have destroyed."

And that destruction was a direct result of United Nation's Security Council Resolution 1973 or, at least, its interpretation which then gave NATO the green light to go and bomb the country.

And the reconstruction will be carried with borrowed money.

And, of course, the security firms, the mercenary companies, the big construction firms will come in.

And, of course, part of this agenda is ultimately the privatization of Libya's oil reserves which constitute approximately 3.5 percent of global oil reserves [twice those of the US].

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