

# NATO Bombing of Libya: Civilians as “Military Targets”?

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Today on Flashpoints, NATO says it can bomb civilians in Libya as long as it calls them “military targets.” Japan’s government works to control and whitewash bad nuclear news. Then, we take a look at Arizona’s infamous Sheriff Joe Arpaio, the brutal enforcer of draconian laws targeting the undocumented. Then, we talk with Kevin Kamps about the state of the battle to end nuclear power in the United States. Finally, we continue our discussion of the hacker’s collective known as Anonymous and their particular brand of Cyber Disobedience with an internet activism expert.

Guests: Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya – Flashpoints special correspondent on the ground in Libya, Youssef Shakur-Libyan Television Personality, Salvador Reza-activist with Puente Arizona, Kevin Kamps-Beyond Nuclear, and Biella Coleman-internet activism scholar

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July 26, 2011

Today on Flashpoints, bombs pound the Libyan capitol of Tripoli over the weekend even as NATO back tracks on its calls for Gaddafi to leave. We also talk to the spokeswoman for the non-governmental fact finding mission on current events in Libya. We then talk to Assemblyman Gil Cedillo about the passage of the California Dream Act, a portion of which was signed into law by governor Jerry Brown. Finally we try to make sense of the difference between a debt ceiling and a debt floor with Mark Weisbrot of the Center for Economic Policy Research.

Guests: Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya – Flashpoints special correspondent from Libya, California Assemblymember Gil Cedillo, Mark Weisbrot-Center for Economic and Policy Research, and Tiziana Gamanossi-spokeswoman of the non-governmental fact-finding mission to Libya.

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July 22, 2011

Today on Flashpoints we return to the situation in Libya where a NATO bombing campaign continues despite negotiations with the Libyan government. Flashpoints also features an exclusive interview with the official Libyan government spokesperson Dr. Moussa Ibrahim from Tripoli. Then we take a closer look at the issues surrounding the international arrests of 14 suspected members of the hackers collective known as Anonymous.

Guests: Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya – Flashpoints correspondent on the ground in Libya, Dr. Moussa Ibrahim, and Dr. Kenneth Himma

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July 20, 2011

Today on Flashpoints, we continue our drumbeat coverage of the situation in Libya as the Obama administration and France reverse their position and drop demands that Gaddafi leave the country. The backdrop to this change of policy is a rebel defeat in the oil hub region of Brega. We also talk about events in Libya with Vijay Prashad, author of the book *The Darker Nations: A People's History of the Third World*. Then we look at the upcoming third round of a Congressional investigation into radical Muslim Americans by New York Republican Peter King. Then we talk to Greg Mitchell about his new book exposing the realities of the effects of nuclear war in Japan at the end of WWII, and how Google tried to censor it. Finally, we return to Arizona, where a Tea Party-led legislature and governor's office announce a \$50 million fundraising initiative to build a second wall along the Arizona border with Mexico.

Guests: Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya – Flashpoints special correspondent on the ground in Libya, Vijay Prashad-author of *The Darker Nations: A People's History of the Third World*, Corey Saylor for Council of American-Islamic Relations, Greg Mitchell-author of *Atomic Cover-Up*, and Isabel Garcia- co-chair of Derechos Humanos, a Tucson-based human rights group.

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July 19, 2011

Today on Flashpoints, NATO ratchets up its bombing campaign in Tripoli, Libya, even as negotiations begin in Turkey we are joined again by our special correspondent Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya. We also get another perspective of what's going on in Libya from Scott Taylor, the editor of *Espirit de Corps*, a military policy magazine. Up next the Freedom Flotilla 2 has one of its ships boarded and seized by Israeli Commandos 40 miles off the coast of Gaza today. Then we take another look at the claims of the Pentagon and the Obama administration that drone attacks, particularly in Pakistan, target only enemies while lowering innocent civilian casualties. Finally, we take a look at a telecommunications bribery scandal involving two former Haitian government officials alleged to have taken place while former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was in office.

Guests: Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya – Flashpoints special correspondent from Libya, Scott Taylor-military and war journalist and editor of *Espirit de Corps* magazine, Huwaida Arraf-lawyer and co-founder of the International Solidarity Movement (ISM), Javed Tufail-Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) San Francisco Bay Area Co-ordinator, Ira Kurzban, former Counsel General for Government of Haiti.

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