

## New US Intervention in Libya. Washington Wants Chaos Throughout the Middle East

Transcript of Interview with Peter Koenig

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Forces aligned to the UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA) in Libya made gains in Sirte, Monday, as they continue to battle the self-proclaimed Islamic State (IS; formerly ISIS/ISIL). Reportedly, the pro-government militias captured the main mosque and the Internal Security Agency, which was used as a morality prison by the Islamic State.

Government forces began their campaign to capture Sirte in May. The US Air Force has reportedly conducted around 40 strikes on IS positions in support of the government troops since the start of August. IS militants still control several residential areas of the city though the recent capture of the city's alleged IS headquarters represents an advance in the GNA's mission against the militant group.

PressTV: How do you see this new US intervention in Libya? And what is its historic background and perspective?

Peter Koenig: We have to start from the premise that Washington does NOT – and I repeat NOT – want peace in the Middle East. Washington wants chaos. With chaos you can control and divide, plus chaos requires constant warfare.

These two objectives – among selective others, depending on the area – is what Washington needs to sustain its profit generating war industry – and I mean insane profits! – and to stay in power – power that eventually – they hope – will lead to Full Spectrum Dominance- full hegemony of the world.

Libya is but one step in that direction, albeit an important step, because Libya has the highly coveted 'light petrol'; Libya is strategically located; from Libya you control the Mediterranean Sea which is itself a strategic gulf towards encircling Asia, particularly Russia. Besides it is said that the Mediterranean Sea has untold, and so far, unexploited hydrocarbon resources.

As a parenthesis – it will be a great step towards peace when the world moves away from hydrocarbon as the chief resource of energy!!!

The US is trying everything to destabilize Libya. A stable Libya, for example with the UNbacked Government of National Accord (GNA), does not serve Washington. Therefore, the need for bombing. The bombing, in reality, is not directed against the Islamic State, it's the same game they are playing in Syria – it is rather supporting the destabilization through the foot soldiers which are the IS for the US and NATO. Because Libya was a center of stability not only for the Middle East and North Africa, but also for Africa, Gadhafi had to go, had to be killed. It is a horrible crime committed by Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State – and it would be a disaster if such a criminal person would be the next US president. – Well, I guess there are other forces behind the US presidents – and whoever is selected by these forces will have to fulfill the mandate of these Masters of the Universe, who also control the western monetary system – which Gadhafi wanted to circumvent with the gold dinar. He also tried to free Africa from exploitation by the west, by introducing the gold dinar to Africa, which was a key reason why he had to go.

It's a good thing that there is now Russia in the Middle East, and it's also a positive sign that Erdogan seems to steer Turkey towards the East, cooperating with Russia and China. It is a definite advantage that Iran has put their Hamadan base at Russia's disposal.

The US-NATO forces realize that this triangle of stability, Russia, Iran, Syria – plus Hezbollah and possibly Turkey – may emerge in a sea change for not only the Middle East, but the entire world.

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