

## Obama's Second Illegal War on Libya. Record of US-NATO War Crimes and Destruction

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In 2011, he and then secretary of state Hillary Clinton bore full responsibility for the rape and destruction of Libya, transforming Africa's most developed country into a cauldron of endless violence, instability, turmoil and unspeakable human suffering – the aftermath of all US imperial wars.

They flagrantly violated international, constitutional and US statute laws – attacking another country threatening no others, killing tens of thousands of noncombatant men, women, children, the elderly and infirm.

They were warned in advance of chaotic conditions following an attack but went ahead anyway. They knew extremist groups would flourish in its aftermath – ISIS, Al Qaeda and others Washington supports.

Libya today has no central authority. Based in Tripoli, US-installed puppet rule (the so-called Government of National Accord – GNA) controls one small part of the country – a rival Benghazi government, disparate groups and tribes most of it.

Endless violence, disorder, human deprivation and misery reflect daily life – the legacy of America's "humanitarian intervention" and "responsibility to protect" – code language for naked aggression, war OF terror on humanity, the horror no one can imagine without experiencing it firsthand.

Last year, war correspondent Jon Lee Anderson said "(t)here is no overstating the chaos of post-Qaddafi Libya." Various elements compete for control. "Armed militias roam the streets...(N)early a third of the country's population has fled across the border to Tunisia." Others head for Europe – treated with disdain and internment under concentration camp conditions on arrival.

No country may attack another except in self-defense and only if authorized by Security Council members. In 2007, candidate Obama, a one-time University of Chicago Law School senior lecturer, said the following:

The president does not have power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation.

He's terror-bombed seven countries and used terrorist foot soldiers to do his dirty work since taking office. He repeatedly lied to the public about his actions.

Time and again he's proved lawless, ruthless and never to be trusted. Raping Libya a second time has nothing to do with protecting America's "national security interests" or restoring stability to a war-torn country – everything to do with US imperial viciousness.

Obama saying the United States, Europe and other countries "have a great interest in seeing stability in Libya because the absence of stability has helped to fuel some of the challenges that we've seen in terms of the migration (sic) crisis in Europe and some of the humanitarian tragedies that we've seen in the open seas between Libya and Europe" ignored America's responsibility for transforming a stable nation under responsible leadership into dystopian hellishness.

He massacred Libyans mercilessly while claiming he "did the right thing (by) preventing what could have been...a bloodbath in Libya..."

On Tuesday, he lied calling indefinite aggression a "30-day mission" – on the phony pretext of combating the scourge of ISIS Washington created and supports.

He's raped Libya since 2011, new terror-bombing continuing where earlier assaults left off, virtually certain to go on indefinitely, perhaps with varying degrees of intensity, supplemented with US and other NATO special forces on the ground operating covertly.

His tenure ends in January. If Hillary succeeds him, perhaps she'll turn the entire region and beyond ablaze.

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