

The New Libya: Assassination, Ruination, Broken Promises and Body Snatching...

By Felicity Arbuthnot

Global Research, October 27, 2011

27 October 2011

Region: Middle East & North Africa
Theme: Religion, US NATO War Agenda

"As usual, we swim in a pile of dishonorable politicians. An Arab poem describes how the rotten rubbish floats to the top of the water while all the gems – corals and precious fish – stay at the bottom." (An Arab friend.)

If events of the past few days are anything to go by, the UN-NATO insurgent allies are set to bring a grim, lawless, murderous and fundamentalist future to the "New Libya."

Polygamy is set to return as the disenfranchisement of women, the West's new friend and interim leader, Mr Jalil has declared. (He didn't put it quite like that, but the particular interpretation of Sharia Law he espouses, does.)

A country which had health, education and welfare services of which most could only dream(i) is also set to instantly revert fifty years. Flying King Idris' flag, Libya is being plunged seamlessly back to his era of illiteracy and neglect.

It will not get better. Britain is already demanding that bombarded, bereaved, largely broken Libya, pay compensation for its "liberation." No, not satire, see:ii.

Libya also has its very own Falluja, in the fled, dead and now destroyed city of Sirte, flooded, ruined and heart rending. It also has its own Basra Roads. See the melted, bombed vehicles leaving Sirte and across Libya. Those inside them also melted or vaporized, a mirror image of that 1991 US massacre of the fleeing in Iraq..

Soon Libya will also have its own living memorials to their release from free healthcare, gasoline too cheap to meter and the highest living standard in Africa: deformed babies from the radioactive and chemically toxic depleted uranium weapons which rained down on them. Another mirror image of Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans where these weapons were also used.

The events though, of the last days, have shone a light on the grim reality of the future for the population. The shocking spectacle of Colonel Quaddafi and his son's bodies, displayed to the public, in a meat cooler in a mall, until decomposition forced a furtive, body snatch and night time burial in an undisclosed location, hardly bodes well for the "human rights" to come

Neither does the breaking of the commitment to return the bodies to the remaining, so far, un-murdered family (iii.)

Their: "corpses should be dumped in the desert to be eaten by foxes", stated one "liberator", claiming that at the deaths: "we all took turns to stamp on" the former Leader's face, some hitting it "with shoes."

When Aisha Quaddafi called her father, minutes after his death, reports state that one of the thugs answered the call telling her: "Fuzzy head is dead."

Aisha lost her husband and baby in a NATO bombing in July. She is an internationally respected lawyer, whose cases have included being part of Saddam Hussein's defence team and who also defended Muntader Al Saidi, the journalist who threw his shoes at George W. Bush in Baghdad, for: "the widows, the orphans .." the former President had created in Iraq, on his declared "Crusade."

She is also a former Good Will Ambassador for the United Nations. One can only speculate how much good will she feels towards a UN which has endorsed the murder and plunder of family, people and land, now. She had lost her father, four brothers, her baby daughter, with her two little cousins, within little over three months.

One (of many) questions which should be answered over the shoddy, surreptitious disposal of the bodies of Libya's rightful leader, his son and his Defence Minister, Abu Bakr Younis, is, if the stated reason is because the insurgents did not want his last resting place to "become a shrine", was he really the monster Washington and Whitehall have trumpeted? Or did the "coalition" just have an eye on the resources he stubbornly kept, largely for the benefit of his people?

America's Nobel Peace Prize Laureate "first black" President, has declared the death of Muammar Quaddafi: "A momentous day in the history of Libya."

This, as rebel forces going by the name of "The Brigade for Purging Slaves (of) Black Skin" have reportedly detained and displaced hundreds, while the people of Tawergha, a town of 20,000, have disappeared without a trace.

Numerous reports record that there are those avowed to ethnically cleanse Libya of dark and black skins. There are two million black Libyans, nearly one third of the population of little over six million.

Moreover, for all the horrific rhetoric over the deaths on 20th October, there are serious questions as to who really carried them out. "Our armed forces have been in action", said Prime Minister Cameron. (Yes, the same Cameron who said there will never be "British boots on the ground ...")

Further: "British Special Forces are engaged in a frantic desert manhunt for Colonel Quaddafi's son Saif .." (iv)

Heaven forbid that this sophisticated man should survive to tell the stories of socializing with Tony Blair, Lord Peter Mendelson and Prince Andrew. Or of Blair's alleged six visits to his father, twice courtesy the hospitality of Colonel Quaddafi's private 'plane.

Quaddafi, in the flowery language which is Arabic, had called the insurgents "rats", as Saddam Hussein had referred to them as "carion" and "crows." So the Colonel is "found" in a sewer pipe. Get the connection? Few with a functioning brain would not wonder if this

sewer rat image was not thought up by "intelligence" in Washington or Whitehall.

As the great "democracies" plunder and assassinate, do cast a passing thought to the (UN) Universal Declaration of Human Rights (v) which celebrated its sixtieth anniversary on 10th December 2008, with great fan-fare.

"Article 10: Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

"Article 3: Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

"Article 5: No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Sabah Al Mukhtar, President of the London based Arab Lawyers Association, is incandescent. "The US, UN, France and the UK should be seriously concerned regarding what has befallen Quaddafi. The serious legal implications of a killing with no trial, after an eight month bombardment. We have treated the law with contempt – and trampled on it for two decades."

That the murderers are to investigate the murders renders Orwell redundant.

So far, of course, it seems we only have the perpetrators word that there was even a burial, somewhere near the port city of Misrata, disgraceful as it was. Perhaps, as with bin Laden, a precedent was set and the victims were simply fed to the fishes. Erase the evidence?

The burials – or disposals – were on two less than auspicious anniversaries. The British military disaster which was the Charge of the Light Brigade, in 1854, and the more recent, cravenly cowardly invasion of the tiny island of Grenada in 1983.

As ever, ignorance rules. After the disasters of Afghanistan and Iraq, with tope military brass now admitting that they had no idea of the complexity of the societies, (US) Colonel Cedric Leighton writes that in spite of the "celebrations" in Libya: " ... it is easy to think our job in the Middle East is over." Buy a map, Colonel. Wrong continent. (vi.)

Felicity Arbuthnot is Global Research's Correspondent focussing on Human Rights, London, UK. Email: felicityarbuthnot@yahoo.co.uk

Notes

- i. http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=27280
- ii. http://www.defencemanagement.com/news-story.asp?id=17791
- iii. http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=27225

iν.

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2053467/SAS-leading-desert-race-trap-Gaddafis-son-Saif-al-Islam-heads-Niger.html#ixzz1bsjwmipc

v. http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/

vi.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/col-cedric-leighton/qaddafi-dead_b_1029103.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

The original source of this article is Global Research Copyright © Felicity Arbuthnot, Global Research, 2011

Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: Felicity Arbuthnot

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca