

Crusaders Invade the Land of Omar Mukhtar

Facilitated by Lunatic Gaddafi's scorched earth policy.

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It is medieval Crusade. This is how the Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin described the American, British and French military strikes on Libya -made possible due to cruel dictator Gaddafi's scorched earth policy .

On 20 March 2003 Crusaders launched their "Shock and Awe" attack on Iraq which killed around 1.4 million innocent civilians and virtually turned this once almost developed Muslim country into a wasteland .Eight years later today, on 20 March 2011, this very same American, British and French Crusaders attacked Libya, perhaps to commit yet another mass slaughter.

The object of the Crusaders is pre planned .It has been on cards for years. The timing has been set in to hoodwink the world as after effects of Egyptian uprising though it has nothing to do with it. Qaddafi's cruelty to his people provided the political climate for the Crusaders to enter the land of Omar Mukhtar.

Obviously the Crusaders will divide Libya as they divided Iraq and plunder the country's oil wealth. They would certainly plant bombs in Benghazi and Tripoli and trigger off a bloody civil war as they had done in Iraq by bombing Sunni and Shiites areas and precipitated sectarian conflict. Perhaps, it is matter of days or weeks before they impose UN economic sanctions to aggravate the sufferings of people as it happened in Iraq.

This has been a well planned conspiracy to turn the Muslim Middle East into a virtual killing field and vast graveyard. Perhaps, it is Libya's turn to pay the price. They do not care about the death and destruction. All what they want is for the Muslim Middle East to remain in turmoil , set up armed conflict so that their weapons industry could flourish as it has been during the past three decades and loot Libya's oil wealth as it happened in Iraq.

For more than four decades Libyans suffered under the Gaddafi's oppressive rule. So called champions of human rights, freedom and democracy in Washington, London and Paris never paid any attention to the miserable plight of Libyans who suffered in poverty and illiteracy despite the vast oil wealth.

According to reports Libya, with a population of about 6.5 million, has \$105 billion worth of reserves in the national treasury and yet the people suffer from poverty and illiteracy while Gaddafi's family buried the vast plundered nation's wealth in almost 40 countries.

The crusaders have been quite shameless in promoting and protecting Gaddafi for oil and lucrative business deals for their corporate conglomerates. Mass murderer of Muslims Tony Blair, for example, hugged and kissed Gaddafi to strike oil deals. Italy's Casanova Prime Minister Berlusconi received beast looking Gaddafi with such warm embrace, perhaps warmer than he embraced his teenage Moroccan girl friend? Why? Only to help Italian companies strike million dollar deals.

It was under these circumstances came the popular uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt giving hope to the long suffering Libyans. All what the Libyans asked for were freedom, justice, economic relief and the elimination of illiteracy. Gaddafi responded with indiscriminate killings to silence them. Inevitably demonstrations spread especially in the eastern part of the country. Gaddafi even deprived the people of food, water, medicine, destroyed hospitals and even looted medical equipment.



The demonstrators turned to the whole world seeking to stop Gaddafi massacring them. Their appeals fell on deaf ears. They knew that the toothless Arab League, better known for passing resolutions at glittering conference halls with no history of solving any problem, will not help them. Thereby the Arab League provided a golden opportunity for Crusaders to enter Libya under the pretext of “humanitarian intervention”. The prime movers this time were President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, British Prime Minister David Cameron and the French President Nicola Sarkozy, the driving force behind the coalition, who formed into a team.

These Crusaders always turned to United Nations to legalize their aggressions. This time too they got the United Nations Security Council to adopt Resolution 1973 on March

17, 2011 by a vote of 10 in favour to none against, with 5 abstentions (Brazil, China, Germany, India, Russian Federation). However none use the veto power? What hypocrisy? This resolution authorized to take all necessary measures to protect civilians and imposed "a no-fly zone".

Some consider this resolution a flagrant violation of the UN Charter itself while others asked why no UN No Fly Zone on Israel when it committed genocide in South Lebanon and Gaza. However, the UN Security Council will not pass a resolution imposing a no-fly zone on the Gaza Strip to protect civilians. The reason is simple and obvious: there is no oil in the besieged territory.

One report pointed out that the Secretary General of the Arab League, Amr Moussa, and other Arab leaders do not consider the massacre of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip as something worthy of their attention. They did nothing about the siege of the territory and the assault and invasion which started in December 2008 and claimed the lives of more than 1,400 civilians, one-third of them children.

There appears to be a priority list for caring about people killed in the Middle East and the people of Gaza are not on it. No one cares about them as long as they die at the hands of Israelis and their US tax-funded bullets and missiles. Officialdom in the Arab world only recognizes the VIP martyrs approved by America, Britain and France.

Meanwhile in keeping with resolution 1973 President Barack Obama authorized military strikes on Libya though it was considered illegal as he did so without the approval of the Congress. Thus began military strikes on Libya by the mightiest military powers in human history employing the most sophisticated aircrafts and destructive weapons. They are violating the international laws and acting in a nation unilaterally interfering in the affairs which to this date were internal issue of the Libyans.

Human rights activist Ahmad Dyraki accused the US-led military coalition of trying to keep the balance between pro and anti-Gaddafi forces to aggravate the rift between the two sides. The US-led coalition can finish with Gaddafi in less than 24 hours... they do not want to do this.

Meanwhile describing the NATO-led invasion not as "liberation of Libyan people," Turkish President Abdullah Gul warned against pursuing a hidden agenda. Voicing his strong skepticism towards the military operation Gul pointed out that "Those who have supported these regimes for long years are now suddenly changing roles."

"There are hidden agendas and differing interests. We should light the fire, the rest will follow is a wrong mentality, and unfortunately I suspect the presence of such a mentality on the side of coalition forces. I worry that the things that happened in Iraq may repeat itself in Libya. Iraq was looted; now I am afraid that the same will happen in Libya". Turkey "neither wants the division of Libya, nor bloodshed, nor the continuation of the current administration (in Tripoli)" stated President Abdullah Gul.

Oil and gas account for 97 percent of Libya's export earnings, one-fourth of the country's economic output, and 90 percent of government revenue. It means that all of Libya's resources lie in the eastern province which can be easily split-off Serbia-style by the Crusaders using their proxy armies and their "democracy promoting" puppets. This is what's really at the heart of present Crusaders "humanitarian intervention", further Balkanization of the Middle East. Its plunder disguised as magnanimity.

Bush or Obama, Condoleezza Rice or Hillary Clinton, Blair, Brown or Cameron, Chirac or Sarkozy their agenda has been to implement the evil designs of neo con war mongers on Muslim countries to the benefit of Corporate conglomerates which included weapons industry and oil companies.

Certainly they will divide Libya and install a puppet like Hamid Karzai, Nuri Mailki and Mahmoud Abbas. The other dictators including those in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf bediently serve them and their plundered wealth hidden in the west. So there is a need to keep them in power.

Here in Libya the puppet may be Mustafa Abdul Jalil, Gaddafi's former justice minister. Jalil is presently the opposition leader of the Libyan National Transitional Council which oversees the Revolutionaries from Al Bayda. Jalil has garnered the military support of the so-called "international community" despite the fact that peaceful protesters in Bahrain, Yemen and Saudi Arabia have been kicked to the curb. It's just another example of the UN's selective support for pro-democracy movements.

Under the circumstances road to freedom, justice, dignity and economic prosperity remain a long and arduous one for the people in Middle East. However today's peoples uprisings sweeping the Middle East and North Africa throw hope of a better future of course at very high cost. Ends

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