

LaRouche: Prosecute Obama, Sarkozy, Cameron for Barbaric Qaddafi Murder

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Nov. 12—Lyndon LaRouche today called for the prosecution of U.S. President Obama, along with French President Nicolas Sarkozy and U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron, for the premeditated extrajudicial killing of Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi and one of his sons, Mutassim, on Oct. 20. Both murders are in violation of the 1949 Geneva Convention, as it defined the rights of civil and military prisoners: Qaddafi and Mutassim, his father's national security advisor, were both captured alive, and were killed while under detention and unarmed.

Two other of Qaddafi's seven sons had been reported killed earlier: Khamis and Saif al-Arab. Khamis, the youngest son, was the military commander in charge of the Khamis Brigade of the Libyan Army, a special forces brigade. The rebels claimed he had been killed on three different occasions, but the last one, on Aug. 29, when the vehicle he was in was hit by a rocket fired from a NATO helicopter, was confirmed by his personal guard, who was in the vehicle following the one Khamis was in. On Oct. 15, a pro-Qaddafi TV station put out a message mourning his Aug. 29 death.

Saif al-Arab, who was not involved in security affairs, was reportedly killed before the capture of Tripoli, when the building in Tripoli he was in was bombed by NATO.

In addition to the murder of Muammar Qaddafi, his two sons who were directly involved in security affairs for his government, Khamis and Mutassim, were killed in a manner reminiscent of

mafia-style rub-outs of competing families, to ensure that there would be no possible future rallying point for the militias and clans opposed to the National Transitional Council (NTC) anti-Qaddafi formation that the British, Obama, and Sarkozy, backed, as well as to the Islamic Jihadist formations and other fundamentalist Islamic militias not controlled by the NTC.

Since the murder was not necessary to carry out the regime change once Qaddafi had been captured, the homicide was also a signal from the British-based financier oligarchy to Russia and China that the ultimate purpose of the operation was beyond Libya, or even Africa as a whole, where Qaddafi had a lot of influence.

In fact, the Qaddafi murders confirmed to Russia



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and other nations, that the push for UN Resolution 1973 demanding a no-fly zone was a fraud from the beginning. The murders show that the intent was not only for regime change, but for a broader war beyond Libya.

Plans for Assassination

The fact of the premeditation by minimally Obama and the French, is in the public record. The British ensured that their leading role in the affair was not documented publicly. The *New York Times* confirmed Oct. 25 that the night before Qaddafi was assassinated on the morning of Oct. 20, there had been a 90-minute meeting at the White House to consider the ex-Libyan leader's fate, among other issues coming up following the NATO regime-change campaign.

At the White House session, three options were reportedly presented to Obama: capture Qaddafi and try him in Libya; capture him and try him at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague; or kill him. The trials were rejected because of anticipated political problems. While the *Times* report did not draw the conclusion, the point is clear: The kill order was given, and within hours, Qaddafi was dead. The media claims about young rebel soldiers taking matters into their own hands were merely a cover story for the assassination.

A U.S./NATO intelligence unit, using surveillance provided by drones, had already identified Qaddafi's whereabouts in Sirte, and air strikes were ordered on the caravan that was attempting to leave the city—reported to be showing white surrender flags on the vehicles, which would make it a war crime (if confirmed). A U.S. drone fired first (confirmed by the Pentagon the day of the killing), then a French fighter jet bombed two of the vehicles in the convoy, which prompted the other occupants of the convoy to flee their vehicles.

News reports in the London *Guardian* indicated that there were British and French commandos on the scene, along with the Libyan rebels. The ground forces were totally coordinated with the air attacks and the advance intelligence monitoring. It was a coordinated military operation.

According to the *New York Times* account, a task force, under the direction of Derek Chollet, senior director of strategic planning for the National Security Council, was established in March, when the U.S. military operations first were launched. Pentagon, Justice

Department, and State Department officials, along with representatives from other agencies, were involved in the task force, all the way through to the Qaddafi execution.

Further Corroboration

South African private security personnel who had been engaged to help Qaddafi leave Libya, and were with the convoy that was attempting to get him out of Sirte, have provided further confirmation that the purpose of the operation against Libya was not only to overthrow his government, but also to assassinate him.

According to the South African publication *Rapport*, in the first days after Qaddafi was murdered, one of the South Africans, Deon Odendaal, said, from a hospital in Libya, "We all believed they [NATO] wanted him out," but instead, a U.S. drone fired at least one Hellfire missile, and French aircraft launched laser-guided bombs that destroyed much of the convoy, after which Qaddafi sought refuge in a drainage culvert. Odendaal said that 19 South Africans had been contracted for the operation to extract Qaddafi and take him to Niger. Reports that two South Africans had been killed could not be confirmed.

The Oct. 26 the French weekly *Canard enchaîné* asserted that both the United States and France wanted to eliminate Qaddafi. The paper reported that on Oct. 19, the day before he was killed, final coordination for the hit was worked out between the Pentagon and the French secret services. The weekly concluded that Sarkozy attached great importance to eliminating Qaddafi, basing this assessment on the fact that Sarkozy's personal chief of staff Benoit Puga was in charge of the effort to track down Qaddafi for the French side.

Convinced that he had worked out a deal to leave Sirte, Qaddafi left in a convoy of 75 vehicles, according to *Canard*. The convoy stopped when it was attacked by the American drone-fired missile and two laser-guided GBU 12, 225-kg bombs from French aircraft, which resulted in the destruction of 21 vehicles. Other reports on the day of the attack said that over 50 people from the convoy had been killed.

According to *Canard*, forces already on the spot included French special forces, and Qaddafi was captured alive.

Mutassim, attempting to leave in the same convoy as his father, was also captured, and was alive, sitting

against a wall smoking and drinking from a water bottle, as verified by videos, which also showed him talking to his captors. At one point, a voice in the background asks: "What do we do with him; where do we take him. I need to make a phone call." At the end of the video, Mutassim is seen dead, with bullet wounds just below his neck.

American observers pointed out that Qaddafi was clearly not trying to escape, or he would have left when it was still dark. As it was, he reportedly delayed until it was light, so the white flags of the convoy would be visible.

A report by a correspondent for globalpost.com, who was in Sirte when Qaddafi was executed, cites an eyewitness account of the execution. A rebel soldier, Adam Abu Zaid, said: "When we arrived there we saw Qaddafi. They caught him and they put him in the road and we just kicked him and kicked him and after that a guy with a gun killed him with one shot to his head. After that they took the body and we put it in an ambulance."

Pictures of Qaddafi's mutilated, bloody body, which was kept in a meatlocker for a week, were then made available to be posted all over the world.

Russian Reaction

UN Security Council Resolution 1973 (March 2011) calling for a no-fly zone over Libya passed after Russia and China abstained instead of vetoing the resolution. The fact that the resolution was turned into a pretext for killing Qaddafi, which was not the intention of Russia and China when they declined to veto the resolution, has not been lost on the Russians. As soon as it became clear that Britain, the U.S.A., and France were intent on regime change, Russian officials began charging that such actions were going beyond the UNSC mandate.

In addition, the fact that the organizers of the NATO regime-change operation used the gruesome public display of the bodies of Muammar and Mutassim Qaddafi in a meat locker in Misrata, further brought home to the Russians that the implications of the Libya operation reach well beyond Libya. The Russians are drawing the lessons from this for the ongoing efforts to dismantle the government in Syria, which is being led by the same three NATO powers.

The day after the murder of Qaddafi, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told three Russian radio



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Following the war, the internal Libyan situation continues to deteriorate, as clan militias battle for control with the National Transitional Council. Meanwhile, the country's infrastructure has been decimated. Here, the USS Barry launches a Tomahawk missiles during the Libyan "Civil War."

stations that it had been wrong to kill Qaddafi, according to the Russian press agency Ria Novosti. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHRC) and a growing number of other organizations have called for a probe into his death.

Lavrov said that the killing of Qaddafi was a violation of the rules of the Geneva Convention during armed conflicts. He emphasized twice that "they should not have killed him."

NATO actions preceding the death of Qaddafi should be scrutinized for their compliance with international law, Lavrov said. Investigation of the role of the Predator drones would reveal Obama's complicity in creating conditions for the killing of Qaddafi, since what Qaddafi was doing was attempting to flee. Information from surveillance supplied by the drone to NATO, and its subsequent attack, made it possible for him to be captured and then executed.

The day after the Qaddafi murders, Russian Envoy to NATO Dmitri Rogozin attacked the Western elation over Qaddafi's death as sadistic.

"The faces of the leaders of world democracies are

so happy, as if they remembered how they hanged stray cats in basements in their childhoods,” Rogozin wrote in his Twitter posting Oct. 21.

Rogozin told Russian radio Echo on Oct. 20 that NATO was directly involved in the operation to kill the former Libyan leader. “Apparently there were orders that oriented the military servicemen who are in Libya and that directed them to ensure the physical elimination of Qaddafi,” Rogozin said, adding that Russia must draw a conclusion: “We must bear in mind who we are dealing with in the face of Western democracies.”

UNHRC High Commissioner Navi Pillay also called for a full investigation. Her spokesman said that Qaddafi’s killing could have been illegal; that it is “very clear under international law that summary executions, extra-judicial killings, are illegal.”

“We believe there is a need for an investigation,” said Rupert Colville, a spokesman for the UNHRC. “More details are needed to ascertain whether he was killed in some form of fighting or was executed after his capture.”

“The two cell phone videos that have emerged, one of him alive, and one of him dead, taken together, are very disturbing,” he told reporters in Geneva,” adding, “You can’t just chuck the law out of the window. Killing someone outside a judicial procedure, even in countries where there is the death penalty, is outside the rule of law.”

Human Rights Watch called for an investigation of the circumstances of Qaddafi’s death, because if he were killed while in detention, it would constitute a serious violation of the laws of war.

President Obama should be impeached for killing Libya’s head of state, investigative journalist Wayne Madsen declared, in an interview on Alex Jones’ Prison Planet radio show after the news broke of Qaddafi’s execution. Madsen argued that, as Bush had done with the killing of Iraq’s Saddam Hussein, Obama has violated Executive Order 12333, initiated by President Ford, by assisting in the assassination of a foreign head of state. “He should be indicted by the House Judiciary Committee—that’s called impeachment—and he should go before the Senate and be tried,” Madsen specified.

Obama lied when he said it wasn’t regime change; today’s events show that was a lie. Who’s next? Elected or not, the U.S. President is not empowered to kill foreign heads of state.

Jones noted that Hitler started what he did, also, by “selling” these kinds of actions as against someone who is unpopular.

The day after the execution, South Africa’s envoy to the UN, Baso Bangqu, said in New York that an investigation of Qaddafi’s death would be a “good idea.” South Africa is a member of the UN Security Council.

Former Italian Air Force chief and government advisor Gen. Leonardo Tricarico said on Italian television that Qaddafi’s convoy had been attacked by a U.S. drone and a French aircraft, countering NATO’s initial claims that they didn’t know that Qaddafi was in the convoy.

Obama Ecstatic

As he did after the killing of Osama bin Laden and the extrajudicial execution of Anwar al-Awlaki, Obama hailed the death of Qaddafi as a foreign policy victory, and took credit for stopping Qaddafi, playing up the U.S. role: “Our leadership at NATO has helped guide our coalition.” He said that Qaddafi’s assassination “comes at a time when we see the strength of American leadership across the world.”

Richard Haass, president of the New York Council on Foreign Relations, admitted on the syndicated Diane Rehm radio show the morning of the murder, that not only was the NATO role central in the operation against Libya, with tens of thousands of air sorties, etc., but that the NATO forces may have had a role in killing Qaddafi. The rebel force was very dependent on outside support to carry out operations, he said.

Obama’s Attempt To Hide U.S. Role

The claim that the United States played second fiddle to the Europeans in the regime-change operation against Libya is a fiction. The initial heavy bombing runs by B1a and B2 bombers, plus the greatly expanded use of drones, destroys that myth.

The first elements in the attack on Libya were attacks by B1a and B2 bombers with bunker-buster type ordnance, which knocked out any Libyan anti-aircraft defenses. These attacks required a huge logistical undertaking: They had to be refueled four times in the air before they got to Libya. The B2s dumped their bombs, and returned immediately to the United States, again being refueled four times. The B1a craft landed in Europe, reloaded, made a second run on Libya, and then returned directly to the United States, with the same refueling procedure.

The Obama Administration's greatly increased use of drones in Libya is also coming to the fore. According to Pentagon spokesman George Little, Predators launched 145 strikes, from April 21 through Oct. 20, the day Qaddafi's convoy was struck. It has been pointed out that that number is significantly more than twice the 57 drone strikes so far this year in Pakistan, which had been the center of the U.S. drone war, and significantly greater than the all-time high of 117 drone strikes in Pakistan in 2010. By the time Tripoli fell, drones had dropped Hellfire missiles 92 times, in four months. In the two months after Qaddafi had been toppled and was being sought, the pace was stepped up, and 52 more strikes took place.

Libya Now Out of Control

The internal Libyan situation continues to deteriorate, characterized by revenge attacks and political "cleansing," according to observers who know the Libyan situation well. Clans and their militias, not necessarily all loyal to Qaddafi, are reluctant to cede control in their areas to the NTC. Many are also opposed to the Jihadi fundamentalist Islamic militias that played a crucial role providing cover for the special forces who directed the rebel militias on the ground. These American, British, and French units, working closely with the hundreds of Qatari forces who have been in Libya since the beginning of the operation, are now being referred to locally as "disappearance squads," who are eliminating internal opposition.

Sources also report the widespread use of torture to obtain information as to where people suspected of having been supporters of the Qaddafi government may be hiding. Some NTC members are reported to be obsessed with the idea that if even a tiny number of Qaddafi supporters remain in Libya, this could ultimately lead to a return of his ideas with respect to Libya's opposition to the West's re-colonization of Africa; control of Libya's natural resources; and Libya's relations with the Middle East.

Even NTC members, who had been willing proxies for NATO, are concerned that they will be blamed for NATO's atrocities, and will be sacrificed, now that they are no longer needed, since Qaddafi has been eliminated. The British plan, carried out by Obama and Sarkozy, was never intended to establish a stable, post-Qaddafi Libya.

This vulnerability of the NTC probably explains why then acting Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril, in a

Nov. 7 interview with CNN, charged that Qaddafi "was killed on order from a foreign entity, whether a country, a person, a certain leader—somebody does not want his secrets revealed." Jibril said he would have preferred that Qaddafi be captured, and that he did not have the proof, but, "I don't think it was an ad hoc behavior." He suspects that after Qaddafi was captured, someone "received a phone call that said, 'Get rid of this guy.'"

A complicating factor for the new government is that the Qaddafi family has not been wiped out. In addition to his wife, his daughter and two of his sons are in Algeria, another is in Niger, and Saif al-Islam, his designated successor, whose arrest has been called for by the ICC, is in an undisclosed location, trying to negotiate how to stay alive.

The biggest question of all, which has tremendous implications for whether the British drive for another world war will succeed, is: Has the lesson of Libya been learned, so that this type of situation will not be repeated in Syria? So far, Russia and China have vetoed attempts to go down this path.

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