

# Enemy Within: Shaping Western Foreign Policy

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In an article for the online magazine "Opinion Maker", Jeff Gates exposes what he calls the 'enemy within' who are blinded to the agenda of a certain section of the American political-military class.

For instance, the well-timed release of diplomatic cables by WikiLeaks displaced reports of Israeli obstinacy in peace talks with reports of a need for war with Iran.

That operation relied on editors at four major newspapers chosen by WikiLeaks to manage the releases. Despite the delight at their impact voiced by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, mainstream media failed to mention the possibility of undisclosed bias by those who chose what to release and when.

The bias of The New York Times is well known. Less clear is the role of Ian Katz, Deputy Editor at The Guardian (London) and Executive Editor Sylvie Kauffman at Le Monde in Paris. The geopolitical success of the WikiLeaks operation suggests an enemy within.

Israeli duplicity often operates through what U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates describes as "the people in between." When waging unconventional warfare, those people are the most dangerous combatants, particularly those operatives in mainstream media.

The false intelligence claiming Iraqi WMD was a people-in-between operation. Judith Miller at The New York Times fed us a steady diet of front-page news that we now know was fixed around Israeli goals promoted by Ahmad Chalabi, a London-based Iraqi expatriate who, like Israel, sought regime change in Iraq.

Pentagon insider Richard Perle developed Chalabi over two decades.



A Jewish Zionist, Perle has long been a strategically well-placed "person in between." Miller left The Times and joined Fox News and then Newsmax.

Those wielding this weaponry operate from our internal shadows as the Zionist entity within.

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## Next Edition: Indonesia's Air Force in limbo

Indonesian observers are asking why the Indonesian skies are silent as they did not hear the shrieking sound of fighter jets overhead.

The ageing fleet of Indonesian fighter jets has to be replaced but the entire industry in the country is in a political limbo.

## Diego Garcia: The occupied territory turned into nuclear base

In the 1960's the British government committed a crime by removing the entire population of the beautiful Diego Garcia Island and

exporting them to the mainland Mauritius. The Island is now a major global nuclear base, stocking weapons of mass destruction in the middle of the Indian Ocean and threatening the lives of millions of Africans.

## The Turkish Model

Political Islam is today modeled on Turkey, the Nato member state with a pro-Islamic regime in power.

Amid the calm in Ankara, there is the debate whether the Turkish political system is the model that Muslim nations should apply globally.

It has a limited democracy, an army bound to seize power if Islam is liberated and it remains an 'East-West' amazing story.

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## U.S. Simmers Conflicts Within ASEAN

The United States has made it clear it is committed to an open dialogue with the ASEAN but the truth behind this 'commitment' is undeniably the urge by the US to control the ASEAN waterways, said regional experts to Wfol.tv.

The experts doubt America's trend on comprehensive and mutually beneficial cooperation with the ASEAN believing that the US is pretending one thing while it is aiming at another. Despite officially declaring it is committed to peaceful cooperation, there is little doubt in the minds of the experts that the true aspirations of the White House is to press for 'military cooperation more than others.'

"The main and for fair real American focus on partnership with ASEAN is military cooperation focused on opposing raising Chinese strength in the Asia Pacific region and South-East Asia in particular." said an Indonesian commentator to Wfol.tv.

"In its attempts to pursue the above-mentioned goal one of the major aspects the USA is trying to exploit is undoubtedly the security situation in the Straits of Malacca, one of the busiest pathways that boasts about 40% of the global petrochemical products transportation."

"Considering that China imports crude oil from the Gulf states via Malacca Straits, total American control of that waterway would cut to the quick Peking being the main geopolitical rival of the USA." he added.

There are 50,000 vessels that ply the waters of the Malacca Straits every year. Oil from the Persian Gulf flows east to China and Asia's other voracious economies, which in turn send back manufactured goods to the Middle East and Suez Canal, wrote the Time Magazine

in one of its last year's edition. The magazine also said the littoral states were successful in curbing piracy in the straits, indicating that a good job was being done without the help of American war ships plying the region, wfol.tv was told.

According to the International Maritime Bureau of the International Chamber of Commerce, the Strait of Malacca suffered 38 actual or attempted pirate attacks in 2004 but in 2009, there were only one such attack in the straits.

Maritime security analysts say a combination of factors — both on sea and land — contributed to the pirates' near total defeat. Most significantly, the success in the strait shows how concerted and well-coordinated action by regional governments can prevent pirate attacks on commercial shipping, wrote the Time Magazine.

According to analysis by regional experts, an eventual American participation in the process of security and navigation will result in the aggravation of certain simmering territorial disputes in the South-East Asia.

They also warned of the spontaneous and inevitable deployment of American and Allied forces in territorial maritime belt of littoral states. In the wake of this happening, it will gravely imbalance the situation in the South-East Asia in whole and will create bitter prerequisites for American meddling in domestic affairs of certain regional countries.

Authoritative sources also stress that China will express immediate negative reaction in case of American military appearance in Malacca Straits that will lead by-turn to the cooling of relations between two major political and trade partners — Washington and Peking.

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# The Moscow Bombing and Egypt's Crisis

Seek the 'inner Jihad' says Alber Jansen, who is a contributor to Wfol.tv

(Exclusive for WFOL.tv) The link between the extremist Doku Umarov with him letting the Moscow airport being bombed and the current struggle of the Egyptians to regain freedom and sovereignty - perhaps attainable through the Brotherhood of Islam - is the jihad as suggested by Al Qaeda. Now the jihad is an extreme complex expression in Islam history. Al Qaeda urges Egypt to wage - lesser - (al-jih'd al-asghar) jihad. Umarov is claiming to act under the concept of - lesser - jihad.

Mostly this expression is placed in a military context. Middle East historian Bernard Lewis argues that "the overwhelming majority of classical theologians, jurists, and traditionalists (specialists in the hadith) understood the obligation of jihad in a military sense meaning the lesser jihad.

This goes so far that if I - as a Christian and not going with the established Christian religions but still an unbeliever in the strict Islamic sense - would approach any of these warlord people I would be victim of the lesser jihad and be slaughtered, decapitated, tortured or simply neglected, and the last attitude is perhaps the worst of all. This was not always the case in history. Many Muslims appreciate(d) the views of Christians be it to a certain extend and vice versa.

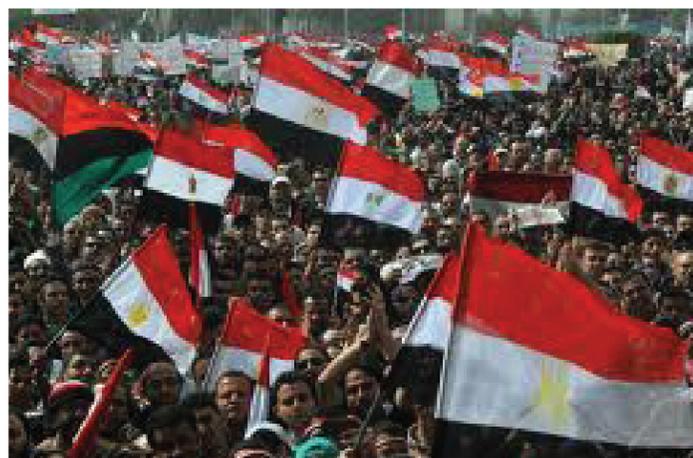
What I would like to stress here is that: 1. No Muslim can possible acknowledge to its very core this statement in one of the hadiths - mind the stressed words:

Before the building of the Ka'bah, when Isma'eel 'alaihis salaam had reached puberty, the Jurhumites had married him to a woman of their tribe. Shortly after that his mother Hadhrat Hagar had died. Ibne Abbas radhiyallahu ta'ala 'anh reports the hadith of the Prophet sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam as such, "...After Isma'eel's mother had died, Ibrahim came after Isma'eel's marriage in order to see his family that he had left before, but he did not find Isma'eel there. When he asked Isma'eel's wife about him, she replied, 'He has gone in search of our livelihood.' 'Then he asked her about their way of living and their condition, and

she replied, 'We are living in misery; we are living in hardship and destitution,' complaining to him." His prophetic wisdom had told Hadhrat Ibrahim 'alaihis salaam that this unthankful woman was not a fit wife for his son who too was a prophet. So he said to the woman, "When your husband returns, convey my salutation to him and tell him to change the threshold of the gate (of his house)."

"When Ishmael came, he seemed to have felt something unusual, so he asked his wife, 'Has anyone visited you?' She replied, 'Yes, an old man of so-and-so description came and asked me about you and I informed him, and he asked about our state of living, and I told him that we were living in hardship and poverty.'

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tell you to change the threshold of your gate.'

Ishmael said, 'It was my father, and he has ordered me to divorce you. Go back to your family.' So, Ishmael divorced her and married another woman from amongst them (i.e. Jurhum)."

This was the daughter of the chief of Jurhum, Madhah bin 'Amr. The hadith continues,

"Then Ibrahim stayed away from them for a period as long as Allah wished and called on them again but did not find Isma'eel. So he came to Isma'eel's (second) wife and asked her about Isma'eel. She said, 'He has gone in search of our livelihood.'

Ibrahim asked her, 'How are you

getting on?' asking her about their sustenance and living.

She replied, 'We are prosperous and well-off.' Then she thanked Allah. Ibrahim said, 'What kind of food do you eat?'

She said, 'Meat.'

He said, 'What do you drink?'

She said, 'Water.'

He said, 'O Allah! Bless their meat and water.'

The Prophet added, "At that time they did not have grain, and if they had grain, he would have also invoked Allah to bless it."

The Prophet added, "If somebody has only these two things as his sustenance, his health and disposition will be badly affected, unless he lives in Makkah." The Prophet added,

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http://www.thetruthmag.com/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=254:sacrifice&catid=55:storyofislam&Itemid=111

Sahih al-Bukhari IV: 583-584 and in the Qur'an 2:125-129

Since this requires thorough knowledge for instance of the Jewish tempelplan - founded on the same creative principle as the Ka'aba - and there is no interest, willingness or whatsoever within the extremist Muslim community to gain any insight into this issue.

And 2. The jihad Al-Akbar is the inner struggle of the soul to stay on the path of Qur'an. And this - in my humble opinion - is not accomplished the way people like Doku Umarov think it is, since the raw inner lust on sex and the raw outer lust on violence and war are deeply interconnected.

I can imagine that extremists pursue their goals since we are dealing with a NWO that can hardly be meet and mastered. Problems are multileveled and astute bankers always stay out of the shooting zone. But to overcome the problems and to seek solutions requires mental capacities to look for the real sting of all world's misery. If we don't think - think to the end each occurrence and act in harmony with those NOT connected with NWO - NWO has won or will soon win the battle. And this battle goes far beyond all religions.

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# The Real Egyptian Revolution Is Yet To Come



George Katsiaficas

Around the world, people are enthusiastically greeting the "Egyptian Revolution"—the astonishing victory won by the historic 18-day People Power Uprising. As events move more rapidly than anyone can anticipate, not only has Mubarak been deposed, his corrupt parliament has been dismissed and new elections promised within six months. People's ecstasy in the aftermath of these great victories belies the fact that Mubarak's authoritarian system remains intact—nay, strengthened—by the ascension of Suleiman and the military to supreme power in Cairo. While the world hails the Egyptian "revolution," a more sober assessment of recent events would question the accuracy of that label, at least for now.

If we look at other countries for comparison (and there are many recent examples of People Power Uprisings suddenly ending the reign of longstanding authoritarian regimes), I am especially struck by parallels with Korea's 1987 June Uprising, when for 19 consecutive days, hundreds of thousands of people illegally went into the streets and battled tens of thousands of riot police to a standstill. On June 29, the military dictatorship finally capitulated to the opposition's demands to hold direct presidential elections, thereby ending 26 years of military rule.

As in Egypt on February 11, 2011, the man who made the announcement in Seoul on June 29, 1987 was none other than the dictatorship's No. 2 leader. Roh Tae-woo went on to become the country's new president after elections marked by both a bitter split between rival progressive candidates and widespread allegations

of ballot tampering. People's high expectations and optimism after the military was forced to grant elections turned into bitter disappointment. Throughout the country, new massive mobilizations were organized, during which more than a dozen young people committed suicide to spur forward the movement for change.

Like Suleiman, Roh was a long-time US asset with ties to a list of nefarious deeds. In 1996, Roh and his predecessor Chun Doo-hwan were convicted of high crimes, sent to prison, and ultimately ordered to return hundreds of millions of dollars they had illegally garnered. (Roh eventually returned around \$300 million; Chun deceitfully pleaded poverty and, although thereby dishonored, he absconded with even more than that amount of Korea's wealth.)

Roh was never linked to any direct act of sadism, but Suleiman is known to have personally participated in the torture of CIA rendered terrorist suspects. As "the CIA's Man in Cairo," he helped design and implement the American rendition program through which dozens of suspected terrorists were kidnapped, imprisoned and tortured. Suleiman took a personal hand in the torture of Australian citizen Mamdouh Habib. In his memoirs, Habib recounted one torture session of electric shocks, broken fingers and being hung from meat hooks that culminated in being slapped so hard that his blindfold flew off—revealing Suleiman as the purveyor of the violence.

While Habib was innocent, another rendered suspect, Ibn al-Sheikh al-Libi, confessed to participation in training anti-US fighters and famously asserted under torture that ties existed between al-Queda and Saddam's government in Iraq. That lie became one of Colin Powell's most significant assertions to the UN Security Council when the US convinced much of the world to attack Iraq. When al-Libi later recanted and threatened to expose his lie, he "committed suicide" in a Libyan prison—coincidentally at the same time as Suleiman made his first ever visit to Tripoli.

For his extraordinary efforts on behalf of the US, Suleiman found his fortunes rise. Thanks to WikiLeaks, we know today that

almost three years ago, the US was prepared to elevate him to the top slot in Egypt. According to a US diplomatic cable of May 14, 2007, entitled "Presidential Succession in Egypt," Suleiman was to be named vice-president (as occurred on January 29, 2011).

The chief of the Egyptian armed forces, Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, like Suleiman and Mubarak, is a regime insider with long ties to the Pentagon. One U.S. Embassy cable released by WikiLeaks noted that, "Tantawi has opposed both economic and political reforms that he perceives as eroding central government power." While Suleiman and Tantawi are clearly cut from the same cloth as Mubarek, my objection is not simply to these men but to the system they embody. For a genuine revolution to take place, Suleiman and his kind must be driven from power—even punished for their crimes—not elevated to the highest levels of government.

What the masses of Egyptians want is freedom from dictatorship and foreign domination. They want the right to participate in their own government and to do so freely, with a free press, and in a society where civil liberties are guaranteed. They want an end to the country's poverty and to take back the mountain of wealth stolen by the super-rich.

As it seems that Korea's democratization might hold possible lessons for Egypt, so might the Philippines in 1986. Less than a year after the first "People Power Revolution" sent long-time dictator Ferdinand Marcos into exile, Corazon Aquino's new government shot to death 21 landless farmers who marched in Manila to demand she keep her promises for land reform. The Philippines today is plagued by increasing hunger, and more than three million children are underweight and underheight. In 1973, students in Thailand overthrew a hated military dictatorship after 77 people were gunned down in the streets of Bangkok. After a two-year hiatus, one of the most free periods in the history of Thailand, the military bloodily reimposed dictatorship and killed dozens of students. In Nepal in 1990, fifty days of popular protests during which 62 citizens were killed won a con-

stitutional monarchy, but within a few years, the royal family again seized absolute power. A 19-day People Power Uprising in 2006 ended the monarchy altogether, but only after 21 more unarmed civilians had been killed by the forces of order.

No one can anticipate the outcome of what has been set in motion in Egypt, but historical antecedents may provide insight into possible outcomes. Will the blood of the 300 murdered citizens in Egypt, like the hundreds of martyrs of the 1980 Gwangju Uprising, water the tree of liberty? Or will their sacrifice grease the wheels as US banks and global corporations rush to replace "crony capitalism" with ever more profitable arenas for wealthy investors?

Young activists in Cairo remain camped in Tahrir Square—for now at least—where they have already had to stand up to the army's attempt to clear them out. Remaining steadfast, they are calling for substantive reforms—for a new system and democracy worthy of the name. Even with Mubarak gone, so long as his military commanders and chief of intelligence remain in power, nothing like a revolution can be said to have transpired in Egypt.

For that to be said, rather than celebrating their victory from high positions of power, Suleiman and his buddies should themselves be guests in the very prisons where they were previously hosts. The full turning of the wheel of justice—a revolution in the true sense of the word—demands nothing less. The sites where Suleiman tortured Habib and al-Lidi should become public museums open to ordinary Egyptians to sadly recount the country's decades of suffering under the US-backed dictatorship of Mubarak. Instead, unless the movement continues to propel the country forward, Suleiman's torture chambers may be destined to be used against young activists whose only crime is to insist upon making reality what is today claimed by nearly everyone—a revolution in Egypt.

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of success of the NATO in both the Pakistan borders and in Afghanistan. The TV station is not at all in favor of the Mujahideen fighters who fought against the American forces in Iraq and they are surely not pro-Taliban at all. Watching Al-Jazeera daily will

and this shocked the 'revolutionary Leader' who thought he was loved by his people. Hence, it is the opening-up of the country that is playing into the hands of the Americans in particular. The manipulation is obvious and this will set a trend in the world

of the Middle East promoted by Al-Jazeera. Could this be the undeniable evidence that the Neo-Cons are the ones running Al-Jazeera and that they may have 'captured' the Qatar government in the process? We leave this to 'Wikileaks Cables' unless the Wikileaks too is part of the American-Middle East PNAC.

By all means, nothing in the events taking place in the Middle East and North Africa suggest a 'genuine' revolution led by angry people is underway in the Islamic world. Libya had its revolution in 1969, Iran in the early 70's and Yemen too in the late 70's but they are still convulsing and the chants we hear is a pro-American one, not an Islamic one. Not at all. Under this PNAC, the world will be one, headed by one man who will be the leader of all and where all other 'leaders' of the global districts will abide by his rules and laws and only America is in a position to achieve this goal, that is a global leadership with slaves under its belts across the globe.

And to call the events in the Middle East 'revolutions' is a bit too hasty. Revolts do not end with the leaders fleeing or residing in their lavish homes after they fell. Revolutions are moments where the crowd grabs the culprit and cull him or her in public. It happened in Italy when they finished off Benito Musolini and to Nicolae Ceausescu in Hungary where he was killed by the angry crowds.

The great possibility is that at the end of these convulsions in the Middle East, the American empire will be stronger and its control of the Middle East and the Arab world more than certain. The 'Islamic' agenda will be far behind and the young leaders of the 'democracy' movements will become the new 'tyrants' at the behest of Washington, suppressing the same freedom the people thought they fought for!



## The Pentagon: Centre of American-Nato Military Power.

The Pentagon is where the U.S. military command is located. It is a major political power too in the U.S. and it can influence the decisions coming from the White House.

Many observers believe that the 'Afghan war surge' and the nomination of General Petraeus at the command of the U.S.-Nato armies in Afghanistan is linked to pressure borne on U.S. President Barack Obama.

The Pentagon has great influence on the Nato organization too. This is unprecedented since the Nato has been successful in penetrating the EU and imposing its 'political' agenda on the EU members. The triumvirate of Nato-EU-Pentagon is thus formed!

give you the idea who they really support in these countries.

Gaddafi has also lost total control of the country's foreign policy. The fact that a few diplomats and some Libyan Embassies has abandoned the 'Leader' for the demonstrators is a clear cut example of the Gaddafi's failure to cater for a stronger network and a more reliable foreign policy. Nevertheless, the Libyan situation is totally different from the Egyptian one. As a matter of fact, Gaddafi was in resignation state after he had a fall-out with his son Saif Al-Islam and his two other sons on the issues of 'opening up to the west' after the Bush administration lifted the sanctions against Libya.

Today, Gaddafi is being accused of association with 'Zionists' by the crowds who are chanting anti-Gaddafi slogans across the world

that will make more Muslim and non-Muslim countries think twice before opening up to the 'West' for economic and diplomatic gains.

Now that we have understood how the Americans are pushing their agenda for a 'New American Century' of domination, lets see what Al-Jazeera is pushing forward for the Arab world!

If you go to this link, you will see a bright face smiling at you and claiming 'The Project For A New Arab Century' with a pigeon flying, as in peace. And it says 'The birth pangs of a new Middle East are being felt, but not in the way many outsiders envisioned.'

The Project For A New American Century or PNAC devised by the Neo-Cons in America well before the retirement of Bill Clinton as President of the United States resembles strangely to the PNAC



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In this agenda, coming out clearly as the culprits assisting the United States in these revolutions, are Al-Jazeera (accused by many as the real motor behind the successful revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt and the current state of chaos in Libya), Google (accused by Russia and we have clearly seen the role played by a 'Google' executive in Cairo in the toppling of Hosni Mubarak and the current state of chaos in Libya) and Facebook, used a social media tool but actually turned into a very convenient 'revolutionary' tool in the Middle East.

Wael Ghonim the Google executive in Egypt became the leading figure of the pro-Democracy protestors in Tahrir square and after he cried on TV saying he would rather die than live under oppression, Mubarak was done. The western nations totally abandoned Mubarak from that point in time and the U.S. too relinquished

all its support – moral or spoken – to the Mubarak regime and leaned on the Egyptian military to deliver the final blow.

In Libya, the worsening situation is probably caused by Muamar al-Gaddafi's trust in the West which made him open up his country to Western investors and made him bring back the 'rebels' against his regime who established themselves abroad. This with the corruption that became institution during the long years of 'sanctions', has helped the Americans trigger what Gaddafi is shocked to see today.

One may say that the Libyan crisis is being driven against Muamar Gaddafi and it is a question of tribal rivalry and that may be true to a certain extent. However, the true essence of the Libyan crisis today is the combination of the help the groups of anti-Gaddafi supporters are getting from the Qatar based television network, Al-Jazeera which is aided by Google to transmit its coverages while the editorial board of Al-Jazeera does not seem to abide by any rules of journalism that is to be fair to all sides in events of catastrophe's like the one we are witnessing in the Middle East.

That raises the question of the loyalty of the Qatar regime itself. Hailed as one of the richest in the world with trillions of dollars in its reserve funds. The point is whether Qatar is supporting the

American hegemonistic agenda in the Middle East and is playing the Al-Jazeera wild cards of assistance to the masses? Qatar itself faces many problems of its own. First of all, is the problem of 'human rights' which is totally denied to almost all of the foreign workers in the country. The state of affairs of the workers themselves raises the question of whether the Qataris should not face the same ugly surprises with violence in their streets? The Qatari regime do not recognize the 'economic rights' of the foreign workers in general as they are bullied and sent off if they talk too much and ask too much.

There is also the weird segregation practices by the local Muslims against 'imported' Muslims and this segregation alone is anti-Islam. Yet Al-Jazeera is silent on these crimes in Qatar but it is used as an efficient tool against sometimes perceived crimes in other Arab states.

The alliance between Al-Jazeera, Facebook and Google is clear as well as the role played by Twitter to galvanize support against the Arab regimes outside their territories. There are rumors that Al-Jazeera may have aided - along with Twitter - in the recent anti-Gaddafi demonstrations in Europe, America and Malaysia.

Remember, Al-Jazeera was instrumental in the American victory in Iraq and in the current claims

Anti-Nato Agenda Must Continue: 'Non-Stop'.



It is a fact that Nato is enlarging its base and pretty soon it will not be called North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It might as well be known as the New American Treaty Ogre...

And that is added reason for the anti-war movement and non-governmental organizations to push their anti-Nato campaigns further.

There is need for stronger condemnation of Nato attacks against children in Afghanistan. for example. Nato should be held responsible for these murders and the Nato chiefs responsible for these callous attacks must be brought to justice.

What is even more appalling is that biased agencies like the ICC or International Criminal Court headed by a tainted personality is hunting down 'African' leaders for dubious crimes but is not interested in true, real justice against the NATO criminals! And that must stop. If the Americans under Barck Obama want to be seen as doing 'good', they have to stop protecting the criminals who are killing civilians in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

# Should The SCO Set Military Objectives?



This is the part 2 of the article we posted on the Shanghai Corporation Organization (SCO). The SCO is in need of new directions in a bid to confront Nato's greed. China, Russia and other free states faces the risk of being dominated and losing their total independence under the claws of Nato.

Within the last 9 years, Nato has succeeded to boost its membership adding nations that were formerly under the USSR, thus increasing the western influence in regions that were once unthinkable and impossible for the West to penetrate. The US and Nato has also extended their reach to Vietnam and Cambodia, until recently known as and thought to be pro-China at least or anti-American at best. The Americans are the main proponents in this sudden push of the Nato in regions that were hostile to the Western values, dangling the curse of capitalism to win the minds of the former Western foes.

It is also known that Nato with the tacit complicity of the United States are aiming at suffocating Russia, China and other anti-American states the like of North Korea, Iran and possibly Syria, Venezuela, Bolivia and Nicaragua. The West hope that by imposing

this strangulation tactic, it will cause the natural collapse, like dominoes, of the few remaining states that dare claim their total independence from Nato and America's military might. With Nato adding India, Serbia and Albania on its long list of 'partners', Russia and China are losing in both influence and political/economic importance in regions that were accessible to the two Eastern Asian giants in a not so far distant past. With these impressive strides by Nato, Beijing and Russia; as well the states mentioned above are aware that something has to be done to halt the hemorrhagic situation.

In that case, it will be futile to re-invent the wheel as the battle plans laid down by Nato with its American masters are pretty obvious. The suffocation plan of China and Russia in particular contains the blockade of the main economic arteries that supplies both nations with vital energy, food and other strategic commodities-produces. Since all the economic arteries are two way traffic routes, it then goes down to the very existentialistic of both China and Russia. Once the American-Western fronts has a tight militarized control of the sea, air and land routes that carries both the exportation's and the importations of the Asian giants, it will be the end of the current state of freedom of Beijing and Moscow. This will have undeniable consequences for both nations as well as nations that depends heavily on the supplies from China and Russia. Inside the Chinese and Russian states, a chaotic situation will develop due to the tightening of the essential imports.

While it is true that both China

and Russia may still survive independently from the outside world, there are reasons to believe that such a suffocation of the sea, land and air routes of these two nations will have catastrophic consequences for their people, their economy and their ability to even defend themselves in the wake of military attacks from their enemies.

In the wake of Nato's rise as a global army, Russia and China has very limited choices to make and they are under intense pressure to make their stand in immediate future. China can easily dump all its anti-American claims and join the Nato-US leadership in a bid to salvage its recent economic gains. It can also add support to the Western world in putting pressure on Iran in order to help the West protect Israel and their Arab satellite states from being surpassed by the Persians in nuclear weaponry and technology. Russia too can also chose to join the Nato's offensive, bringing in the much needed added value in armed forces, weapons arsenal and geographic/territorial integration that Nato and the US is dreaming of achieving with their 'suffocation' policies against the Chinese and Russian nations. But then, by joining Nato and the US in their global march for domination, the Chinese and the Russians will most likely lose the much adorned and beloved independence as well a large chunk of their 'territorial integrity' that they currently enjoy. Joining the Nato-US will not come without 'covenants' that will allow the West to make inroads in the Chinese and Russian states, destroying their current stability and bringing in the plethora of deceases that

# Gaddafi: Last Man Standing

## Media manipulation of events in the Libyan crisis: The CIA Handbook?



Mouammar al-Gaddafi, Arab leader in the 1970's and a survivor of American wrath in the 1980-90's is finally facing the brunt of decades of dominance. It was bound to happen indeed as it could have happened during the 'sanctions' time or right after Libya opened up the country to its former enemies. However, due to the stringent control of the press in all forms and the strong links that still existed between Gaddafi and the 'people's committees' or revolutionary councils across Libya, there was little room to show affront to the 'leader'. But with the incredible fall of Hosni Mubarak and the way it was carried out, live on Arab television, it was only a matter of days before Gaddafi faced the brutal reality: HE was not that popular anymore and a majority in his country wanted him out. As hurtful as it could have been for him, Gaddafi became the last man standing in the defense of his own views and wisdoms. The same viws villipended and rejected by the new youthful population of Libya that did not want him in power anymore. Is it the evetns in the Middle East or Libya's rich oil reserves that finally triggered the revolt against Gaddafi? One would be tempted to state that it was the events in Cairo that influenced the revolt in Libya. Yet, the unfolding crisis and the media coverage of the crisis gave a clear indication that too many people, far too many people were after Libya's oil.

## Media independence and the slave of America

Almost everybody is against Colonel Muamar Gaddafi simply because he is in power for 42 years. He may have overspent his time in office according The The to modern views but that does not give a

license to the media to lie about the crisis in Libya. Al-Jazeera, Fox News, MSNBC, France 24 and many others are presenting news about Libya with a dent in their professional integrity. For example, the agencies and the TV stations were too fast to spread the news of Gaddafi fleeing Libya when he was in his village, preparing his response against the anti-Gaddafi mobs.

This showed there were no verification of the news before it was allowed to be on air and it questions the integrity of the editorial boards and the independence of the media outlets. In this day and age, if we are to accept such unprofessional conducts by media outlets by allowing them to spread rumors, we rather have 'rumor' mills instead of media outlets to inform us of events across the world.

Al-Jazeera presented the views of 'experts' on Libya, stating they are from the Western world and from some obscure organizations that knows about Libya. This too is very weak in professional approach to the Libyan problem since these experts has never visited Libya and are paid pro-American propagandists sent out there to discredit anything Islam or Muslimeen. And Al-Jazeera plays according to their tunes and dances to their rhythms.

One must admit that Al-Jazeera was clamoring for Hosni Mubarak to leave office while it portrays Libya as a country in bloodshed and sided totally with protesters whom it will abandon as soon as Gaddafi is killed or removed!

Again, Al-Jazeera made wild claims of division among 'South American' friends of Libya or of Colonel Gaddafi. While it said at least 3 or 4 of the 'socialist' run states in Southern America supported Gaddafi in the crisis, it added that 'Columbia' vehemently criticized Gaddafi for the violence in Libya. We all know that Columbia is a 'political slave' state of America in the Southern American region hence what is so unique if Columbia is against Gaddafi?

It also said Brazil did not give support to Gaddafi, preferring to urge Gaddafi to either respect the voices of the people or step down. Well, Brazil is a friend of Iran and the Shia nation is not a friend of Libya. Do any one expect a friend of Iran, enemy of Gaddafi to support Gaddafi?

Sure Gaddafi must go since in the current and modern framework, no one is to remain in power indefinitely - which is the Islamic ideal indeed. But since political Islam is weak and has no bearing on the events across the Middle East or the globe, Gaddafi must go and Libya must change. Nevertheless, pressing lies and distorting news and presenting lame views from so called experts who are actually arm chair specialists paid by Washington is not the way to help Libya what

## CIA Destabilization Handbook

Much of the events that followed the initial demonstrations against Gaddafi shows how the opponents used the famous CIA handbook to battle against Gaddafi.

## Neo Cons Coup

Throughout the Libyan crisis, the American neocons were blaming U.S. President Barack Obama for not speaking out against Gaddafi. In memo's sent to his office, they made it clear that he had to stand firm against Gaddafi and he had to clearly state that Gaddafi had to leave office.

These alone are indications of how much of meddling there was from American among the fragmented opposition groups fighting against Gaddafi. The irony of the situation was that Obama and the Neocons and the United Nations as well almost every pro-Americanist elements on earth were condemning Gaddafi for defending his 'throne' with bullets while they openly supported the use of violence and bullets by the Gaddafi opponents!

## No to Nato Meddling

The lack of condemnation by the rest of the world of Nato's attempt to meddle in the Libyan affairs is noted. This will be a tipping point against China, Russia, Venezuela etc...

# Pirates of the Arabian Seas: A Peaceful Solution

The Western world thought they could deal a severe blow to the Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean and the Arabian seas by using brutal force. They learned that brutality brings more brutalities as the pirates killed their hostages in cold blood, responding the cold blooded attacks on their peers by the Nato-Americans and their Asian-European allies. In spite of all the propaganda behind the capture of pirates

begun systematically torturing hostages, including locking them in freezers. "What we're seeing is that because of the business model the pirates have adopted is so lucrative that you're now getting organized criminal gangs involved as opposed to fishermen who just decided to have a go at piracy," said Wing Commander Paddy O'Kennedy, spokesman for the European Union's anti-piracy force."

read from the press releases of the vain and adamant U.S. navy and U.S. regime in Washington. The United States has always raised a trophy when it defeats small timers, weaklings and other tiny elements that confronts the U.S. on the seas or in air and on land. This mighty nation has built its reputation of invincibility thanks to its victories against meager and really weak opponents. Instead of correcting the errors of the American foreign policy dated since its meddling in the Somali affairs where it lost a few black hawks and brave men who were gunned down by Somali Islamic fighters, it is simply perpetuating the idea that it is mighty and it has to kill the pirates rather than get to the bottom of the problem.

Somalia is the major source of piracy in the Gulf of Aden and they are everywhere from the Indian Ocean to the Arabian seas and they are fast expanding their network. They are pushed by the desire to make big bucks as well as to challenge American on the seas. Now, after being traded like trophies to the international media, the pirates are striking back and they are striking where it hurts America the most. They are killing their American hostages. They are also beefing up their operations with heavier weaponry that damage war ships in one to one combats at sea. And that is not the solution to the problem. The solution is for the U.S. to stop using Ethiopia as its lackey in Somalia and to let the Somalis chose their system of governance. If that did not work, it is because i was not allowed to work.

Now that will be a solution!

## Solution to the problem

The solution to this huge problem lies in the dissemination of the truth, not of the lies we



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by the high and mighty western forces and their allies, the truth remained that piracy in the seas is here to stay and a solution to the thorny problem is not near. To divert the attention once again from the real problems posed by the pirates, the American press and the local authorities in the United States has started to make believe that a 'mafia' is now running the piracy show. These pointers from the yahoo news website is indicative of the immoral morass in which the Americans are sinking on the piracy issue: "Pirates once were believed to be disgruntled and financially motivated Somali fishermen angry that international trawlers were illegally fishing Somalia's waters. Now criminal gangs dominate the piracy trade, and have

# Future Wars: SCO's Military Objectives

has already gripped the Western world to the bone. We are talking here of the social ills that are inevitable when a nation joins the ugly rearing heads of Nato-USA, with the moral degradation that it imposes on the people that follows their policies and cultural-economic values. Altogether, they will turn both China and Russia into killing machines that will only obey the orders of the Pentagon and the Nato HQ. The corruption is inevitable with the demoralized social-cultural values that exists in the West and in the US in particular. Russia, for example does not allow Gay rights or Gay marriages, which is very popular in the West. Russia is trying to remain as 'serene' and as pure as possible in the wake of such moral and social degradations in the West. To maintain such serenity and purity, the Russian nation have to reject any temptations to join the conquering Nato. The same applies to China and it appears apparent that China will not allow itself to be dragged down into the immo-

rality lane into which the West has imbued itself. Henceforth, the SCO has a decisive role to play in halting this potential catastrophe in the possible proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Middle East and in South Asia as well as in Southern America. The SCO has the moral responsibility to overtake the US and Nato in ensuring that the world does not become a fully nuclear armed planet and that such deadly weapons does not fall into the wrong hands. This indeed will be a major international policy statement by the Russians and the Chinese and will also represent the great moral fiber that these two nations need to boost their future role as the balance of power in an increasingly unipolar world. In the event the SCO concertizes its efforts to become the much needed balance of power with a global role, the unipolar role of the US-Nato will be shattered. It is obvious that the US and Nato are doing everything in their capacity to destroy any

possibility that the SCO become a larger grouping with a more powerful military role. Russia and China are two of the biggest states in the world and together as a military force they will represent a formidable challenge to the Nato. This might not curb the current growth of the Nato as there are many nations that would still be willing to join the capitalist force but it will limit Nato's influence considerably. The SCO will also be a force that can limit nuclear weapons proliferation and will altogether secure the trade/energy routes of Russia, China and other member states of the new, refurbished and powerful global grouping. As mentioned in the first article, the SCO must enlarge itself and allow membership from as far as Cuba, Venezuela, the Middle East and Africa. The reason why such a grouping will succeed as a military powerhouse is that there are still a large number of states that are not comfortable with the Nato-American push for global military domination.



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## Gaddafi accepts Chavez's Mediation attempt but opposition stubborn



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Al Jazeera website said Muammar Gaddafi has accepted an offer from Venezuela to mediate in Libya's political crisis after talks with Hugo Chavez, the Venezuelan president. However, Wfol.tv learned the opposition is not willing to listen to any calls for 'peaceful' resolution of the conflict.

The TV station said sources told its correspondent in Caracas that Nicolas Maduro, Venezuelan's foreign minister, discussed the offer with Amr Moussa, the head of the Arab League, and that details of the plan could be announced at an Arab League meeting in Cairo on Thursday.

The plan would involve a commission from Latin America, Europe and the Middle East trying to reach a negotiated outcome between the Libyan leader and opposition forces which have seized control of large areas of the North African oil-producing country. The Arab League will consider the plan.

In the meantime, the opposition to Gaddafi's rule is willing to face more deaths and chaos in the country rather than have Gaddafi to remain in power. The message to Gaddafi is to vacate power and let Tripoli fall into the hands of the opponents.

At the time of going to press, the Libyan opposition was gathering more forces to attempt at removing Gaddafi's forces from Tripoli with the help of the civilians whom they say are on their side.

# The Days of American Imperialism are Numbered

# A New BRIC In The Anti-U.S. League



## Syria, Turkey, Arab League and Hizb Tahrir Condemns Nato

The Turkish government took the bold step in ridiculing Nato's attempt at intervention in Libya. The Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan made it clear: "What does Nato has to do in Libya?" he asked bluntly. He added that a 'no-fly' zone on Libya would be ridiculous. The Syrian government too condemned any attempt by Nato to set its foot in Libya. It said it pushed the Arab League to condemn such an attempt too and the Arab League responded with the same. Among the global organizations with Islamic leanings, the Hizb Tahrir was the one that condemned the West and Nato for even thinking of attacking Libya. It called the Nato-West move to interfere in Libya as part of the Western hegemony plans in the Muslim world. Venezuela too condemn Nato and refused to blame Muamar Gaddafi for the situation in Libya. Hugo Chavez stood with Gaddafi in the moment of crisis and his strong words of condemnation of Western meddling in the Libyan affairs made it difficult for the British and the Americans to start their bogus 'no-fly' zone on Libya's capital, Tripoli.

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The days of Western imperialism in the Muslim world are numbered said Uthman Badar. Media Representative, Hizb ut-Tahrir Australia to Wfol.tv in an email interview. Uthman Badar added the West may score some victories by deceiving people in the name of democracy, human rights and freedoms but it is on the downhill path. The interview was focused on the Middle East crisis and the attempts by the American administration to hijack the 'revolutions' in Tunisia, Egypt and now Libya. Badar said the Muslims will eventually choose Islam as their 'political' system if they were allowed to do so when asked about the recent comments made by Mortimer Zukerman on BBC's Hardtalk. Badar said American policy has long treated the people of the so-called third world, Muslims and non-Muslims, as de facto lesser humans, as mere objects to be exploited for economic and political gain. "With Islam in particular however they see a real threat to their interests in the region, and from there the world at large. "This is why people like Zuckerman want to give Muslims a limited democracy, because they

know that if Muslims were given the complete choice to choose their system and rulers, they would choose Islam." he said. On Western Imperialism, he said: "As for Western imperialism in the Muslim World, its days are numbered. It may yet gain some small victories in the short-term by deceiving people in the name of democracy, human rights and freedoms, but it is on the downhill path. It has long lost its moral legitimacy, and its political and economic power is also on the wane. In contrast the Muslim Ummah, the sleeping giant, is now well awake. The re-establishment of Islam is now only a matter of time." The Hizb Tahrir added that the "Hypocritical stances from Western officials are now expected by everyone, and no longer come as a shock. They display numerous double standards in their foreign policy. This is because they have no fixed principles or morals. They only have fixed economic and political interests. "We saw this hypocrisy clearly with the case of Egypt. After propping up the oppressive regime of Mubarak for decades, pumping it with \$1.5 billion annually, using it for torture by rendition and the like, President Obama simply

jumped ship once it was clear that Mubarak would go and asserted that America stood with the people and their rights. In reality America's respect for the rights of people has already been exposed before the world in Guantanamo Bay, Iraq and Afghanistan." "American policy has long treated the people of the so-called third world, Muslims and non-Muslims, as de facto lesser humans, as mere objects to be exploited for economic and political gain." he said. The current uprisings have shown that whilst people power can set the basis for change, it alone cannot produce the results. The result is in the hand of those who form the backbone of power. Thus we must urge the personnel in the army commands in the Muslim World to stand with the Islam and believers, and to reject the colonial legacy which has been imposed on the Muslim World for so long. Therefore Muslims must focus their efforts on raising awareness about the specific solution, namely, Khilafah, and to work on those who hold power in the Muslim World. This is part of the work Hizb ut-Tahrir does and we invite all Muslims to work with us in this noble cause. As for Western imperialism in the Muslim World, its days are numbered. It may yet gain some small victories in the short-term by deceiving people in the name of democracy, human rights and freedoms, but it is on the downhill path. It has long lost its moral legitimacy, and its political and economic power is also on the wane. In contrast the Muslim Ummah, the sleeping giant, is now well awake. The re-establishment of Islam is now only a matter of time.

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Will Bric become a counter balance to Nato and a pain in the neck for the SCO? Or will it rally more regional powers to challenge 'Empire America' in the end?



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South Africa, once the mighty power of the African continent and still considered as a power house today, has joined a group called BRIC. The alliance of Brazil, Russia, India and China formed in ( ) has now enlarged both its scope and its geographical outlook adding Africa to the two other continents it represented. What is the BRIC and why is it an important political-economic bloc in the world? Is it another SCO or Shanghai Corporation Organization type of grouping? Well, the answers are given here with a succinct analysis of the future of this type of organization. The BRIC thesis is that China

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### What Does BRIC Mean?

An acronym for the economies of Brazil, Russia, India and China combined. The general consensus is that the term was first prominently used in a

Goldman Sachs report from 2003, which speculated that by 2050 these four economies would be wealthier than most of the current major economic powers.

and India will become the world's dominant suppliers of manufactured goods and services, respectively, while Brazil and Russia will become similarly dominant as suppliers of raw materials. It's important to note that the Goldman Sachs thesis isn't that these countries are a political alliance (like the European Union) or a formal trading association - but they have the potential to form a powerful

economic player. Since in our days - and in almost all the times in world history - the economy is also a political tool, then we should expect BRIC to become a major political force in the long run. Comecon was the 'Council for Mutual Economic Assistance'. This arranged the trade between the former Communist countries.

In practice it benefited the Soviet Union more than the other countries whose trade was limited with countries outside the organisation. BRIC is different in everything from Comecon and that is why we believe it will be a powerful force. BRIC is a group of fast-growing emerging economies. Joining in as a full member will open up new trade and investment opportunities. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the informal but powerful bloc will account for 61 percent of global growth in three years' time. International Marketing Council of South Africa CEO Miller Matola said South Africa's membership of the group was a good move not only economically but also politically. A new world order was unfolding, he said, with economic and therefore political power shifting from West to East, and the BRIC countries were the visible face of this movement. "It is, in fact, an association that does not only benefit the group, but the emerging world as a whole and Africa in particular," Matola said. "Huge new opportunities will open up for South Africa on the investment and trade front," Matola added.

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## Libyans ready to fight off Nato-Western attack

A majority of Libyans are ready to fight off any attempt by Nato and Western nations attempt at interfering directly in Libya. This was confirmed by informed sources to Wfol.tv as it is apparent such an intervention will only unite the Libyans against the West. Most of the Libyans fighting the Gaddafi regime is not ready for a Nato-West interference in the affairs of their country. They believe the Libyan crisis is a local crisis that they can resolve soon while only some possibly desperate figures of the opposition are willing to risk their country's future by calling for UN strikes against Gaddafi forces. Gaddafi has announced he will arm at least 3 million Libyans to fight off any attempt by the Nato-West to attack the country. The opposing forces will have no choice but to join in the fray against the Western invaders since it will be a bitter betrayal on their part to allow their country to be occupied by Western forces once again! While Turkey and Syria has voiced their opposition to any Nato-Western move against the Libyan regime, Turkey can actually show its opposition by sending its vessels to the Mediterranean waters, however unrealistic this seems. On the otherhand, the Turkish government is well capable of brokering a deal between the Gaddafi regime and the armed opponents using the spirit of Islamic brotherhood.

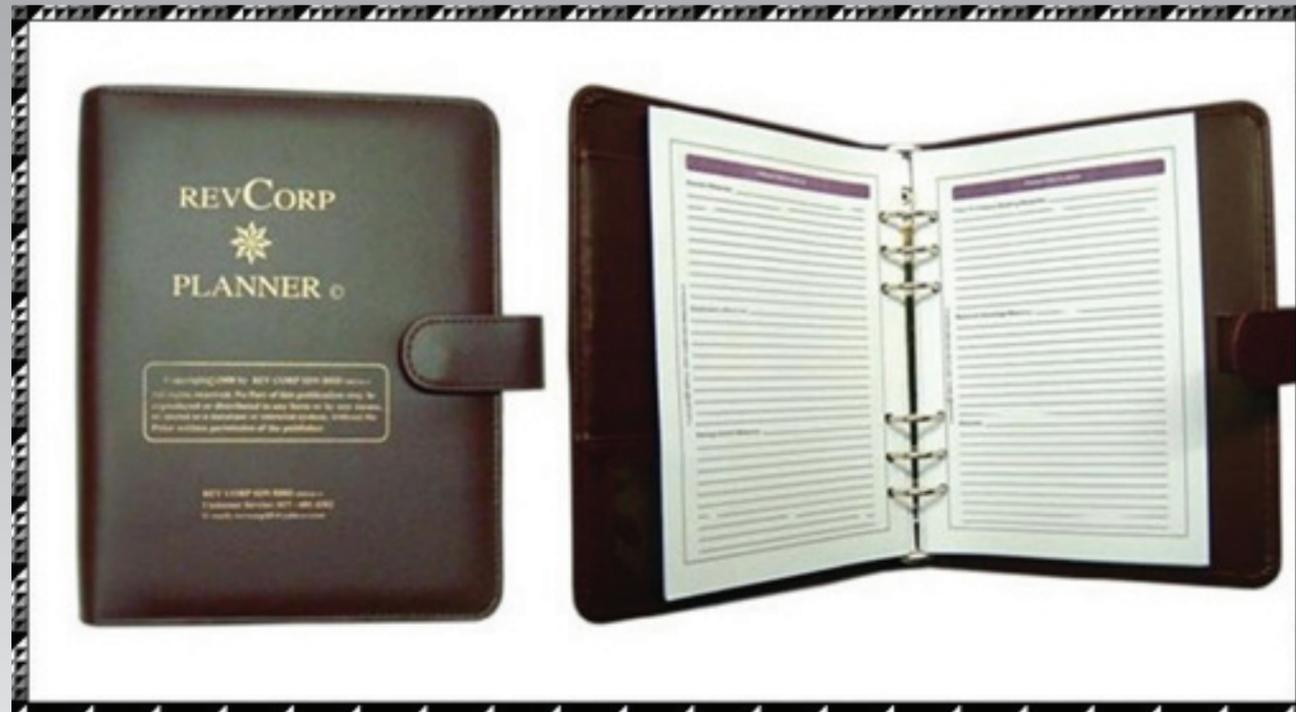
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# The Tajura Affair: An Insight into Gaddafi's Revolutionary Might

argued that the Mauritians went to get military training and overthrow the government on their return to Mauritius.



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*"The Tajura Affair will remain as one of the most crucial journalistic breakthrough in my career and a memorable moment in my life.*

*I pray that Libya do not become a victim of Nato or the U.S. as the people of Libya do not deserve that."*

**Kazi Mahmood**  
President, WFOL.TV

I was the target of the Mauritius right wing group within the government after the return of 70 Mauritians who visited Libya in the mid-1980's. During the investigation that followed rumors of military training in Libya, I had to stand by the Mauritians in what became known in Mauritius and UK as the 'Tajura Affair'

One of the most dramatic affairs that shook Mauritius in the late 1980's did not go without my involvement. I was at the heart of a controversial issue that I named the "Tajura Affair". We were sent to Libya on a 'tourist' visit' that turned out to be a nightmare for both the 'tourists' and the Mauritian government. In this affair, I was made to accompany 69 Mauritian citizens on a trip to Libya. In the local press in Mauritius the Mauritians were called the '70' and this included me.

The matter was complicated as the Mauritius authorities, weary of the Libyan influence on most of the Mauritians who took the flight to Libya, wanted to have a clear picture of what was happening in Tripoli and what was the true motive of their visit to the land of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

In those days, any trips to Libya was shrouded in mystery after the breakdown of relationship between Libya and Mauritius. The affair was considered a national security issue in Mauritius but my intervention in a report to the Mauritius Prime Minister of the time, Sir Aneerood Jugnauth culminated in toning down the impact of this affair in the country. Most of the 70 Mauritians who went to Libya officially for tourism iwere Muslims and almost if not all of them were supporters of the Movement Militan Mauricien (MMM).

The Party Mauriciten Social Democrat (PMSD) had

While I was aware the local 'Intelligence' services of Mauritius was tipped on what they called 'the unofficial' reason for the trip to Libya - which was to undergo military and guerrilla tactics training - I can state that during our stay in Libya, the majority of the Mauritians resisted any call for such training. Once in Libya, the situation became eerie when the group landed in Tripoli and was directly shipped to a military camp outside Tripoli.

What happened there was a classic story of the number of the 'visitors' falling in a state of shock to see themselves in a military camp surrounded by African nationals in uniform. A few among the Mauritians wanted to commit suicide. These foreign nationals were undergoing daily military training while the Mauritians were being fed and taken care of before the big day. And when the big day arrived, it was also the day that a revolt by a group of Mauritians - of which I was part - led the military command of the camp to abandon all attempts at sending the Mauritians into the hot sun for the start of their military training program.

At home, I was guaranteed that I will be shipped back to Port-Louis after 30 days in Libya. After barely a week at the Military training camp where I met some really tough characters and members of the armed factions of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), members of a Tuareg militia force from Mauritania, Somali fighters and at least a small number of Egyptians, we were transferred to 'Tajura'.

The facility was a camp normally used for the political brainstorming of groups like ours but we had no instructors at the camp and were basically left on our own. Food and other freebies were abundant and after a little over two weeks at Tajura - where I learned more about what motivated a small number of the 70 Mauritians to come to Libya - I was shipped out to Saudi Arabia and to Mauritius via Frankfort.

Back to Port-Louis, some ministers in Mauritius (including Sir Gaetan Duval) wanted to see that the 70 'Libyans' as we were called are sent to jail for visiting Libya and for allegedly undergoing military training in a Military camp. Since we did not undergo any military training and we revolted against the Libyan military command by burning trees and causing a battle between Ugandans and Kenyans in the military camp, I stood by the 69 others.

Denying the claims was not sufficient and that is why I had to make a police report to the Criminal Investigation Department or (CID).

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# The Tajura Affair



Vishnu Lutchmeenaraidoo, the Minister of Finance practically lobbied against Duval and the PMSD, blocking their attempts at getting the group of Mauritian jailed for treason.

Lutchmeenaraidoo had a few good men assisting him in his duties as a political figure in the country. They helped in saving the 69 – later it turned out that at least 67 could face jailing – and save the Aneerood Jugnauth regime altogether from the burden of taking actions against the innocent travelers. The ‘intelligence’ officers had their hopes of a breakthrough in the affair on at least three persons and one of them was myself. It turned out that the government had infiltrated the group of 70 with two ‘agents’ from the ruling coalition and they were acting as the ears and eyes of the government at Tajura.

What they did not know was that I was there, as a journalist and what I will say on the affair will become the very official explanation by the government. It was the seriousness of my report that helped drowned the reports made by the two ‘spies’. The two turned out to be the infiltrators but they were soon unmasked. It turned out that they were linked to the local mafia hence their report to the CID

was to be rejected totally. Their aim was to see that the group were sent to jail and many suspected that they were simply carrying the agenda of the right wing elements in

the government. The two agents had wrongfully informed the authorities that the group had performed military training in Libya but when confronted on the local mafia links, it undermined their claims.

### Battling Duval

The biggest challenge however was to battle the pressure by Sir Gaetan Duval. The then second deputy-Prime Minister and leader of the PMSD was adamant that the country should make an example of the ‘traitors’. He said he had intel that the 70 Mauritians were in Libya to train and help the MMM overthrow the regime. The PMSD was a member of the Movement Socialist Militant (MSM) coalition in power but they were starting to be a pain in the neck to the Prime Minister’s rule.

In order to get Duval to lower his pressure on the government, I met with some of his closest aides. What was discussed was the known ‘violent’ past of the PMSD and how much information the authorities had about the party’s suspected involvement in the violence against the MMM in the 1970’s. Indeed, the violence that erupted in Mauritius in the pre-Independence (1968-1968) era was also

discussed.

In the week that followed the return of the Mauritians from Libya, I was the target of harassment by the local police. On one occasion I wanted to have a fist fight with one of the officer who was following me every where I went. After my meeting with the CID, Sir Gaetan Duval had toned down his demands to the government and the report became a Parliamentary history after it was added to the ‘Hansard’. The Mauritian Prime Minister delivered a lengthy speech in Parliament on the visit of the 70 Mauritians to Libya. The PMSD was flabbergasted that nothing will be done against the ‘visitors’ but they knew that they had lost to the MSM on this matter.

Lutchmeenaraidoo had nothing to do with the battle I was fighting against Duval. I was advised not to confront the PMSD leader. The then Mauritius Finance Minister had nothing to do with the report I made that was delivered to the Prime Minister. The National Intelligence Unit (NIU) could not control what I had to say in the report. I was free to say what I had to say and I went all the way out to support the claim by visitors to Libya that we were all mistaken for a group of volunteers and that we were just ‘visiting’ Libya to learn more on the “Green Book” and on the country in general.

In the same year, a report published in Africa Confidential on the ‘Tajura Affair’ was widely commented in the UK and among the diplomatic circles in Mauritius.

While I acted to break down the zeal and enthusiasm of some members of the Mauritius contingency in Libya, I was also collecting vital information on how Libya was suffering from the American embargo and how the Gaddafi regime

was keen to bring changes to its foreign policy.

I gave the country six months to make a swift from being seen as a ‘supporter’ of revolutions and acts of violence against Western and Israeli targets to that of a ‘peaceful’ nation.

For that matter, I received a call from the U.S. Embassy in London. The then Ambassador had a few questions about the possible changes that Libya was facing. He had doubts that Libya would change but I explained why I thought Libya was on the path to change and would abandon its ‘war’ against the West. The Ambassador was curious to know how I could have access to key information on the Libyan regime and on its foreign policy. I did not explain that to him as I had to protect my sources.

In the long run, years after the dust from the Tajura Affair had settled, Duval was removed as Minister in Aneerood Jugnauth’s cabinet. He was subsequently jailed but was released after massive protests in his favor across the country. But he never regained his glamor after the jailing which shrouded his personality with doubts.

Looking back at these events, I can say that it was the people who were around Vishnu Lutchmeenaraidoo who were responsible for saving the Mauritian-citizens from being accused of ‘treason’. This despite the fact that most of the ‘70’ did not support the then Minister of Finance. Without Lutchmeenaraidoo, the affair would have exploded into an international issue that could have had major ramifications for the ruling regime and for the entire nation. Mauritius survived this page in its history with greatness and this was thanks to the wisdom of the Jugnauth regime.

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