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When I turned on the television news on the morning of Thursday, October 20, 2011, I heard the vacuous network news reporters talking about the death Muammar Gaddafi. He was killed as the Transitional Government armed forces had overrun Sirte, Gaddafi's birthplace. The news programs showed a photo of the Libyan dead. The news anchors were barely able to contain their relief that the Libyan leader who had ruled the country for over 40 years had been killed or captured. It was part of their marching orders from government sources to portray Gaddafi as a terrorist and madman who was prevented from committing genocide against his own people by the humanitarian intervention of the United States of America and its NATO allies who have such a long and shining record of preserving the lives of African people.

Who better to save Africans from slaughter than nations that have slaughtered Africans for centuries, former colonial powers like Britain and France? It is an insult to intelligent and informed people that the media reports almost unvarnished the government's propaganda about the world.

There was never any genocide committed by Gaddafi. There has not been one shred of evidence that he has massacred or was planning to massacre his people. There is proof however that the so-called rebels who were a creation of the Western powers that wanted regime change in Libya. In 2004, a rebel army suddenly materialized in the Dominican Republic that crossed over into Haiti to overthrow the democratically elected government of President Jean Bertrand Aristide. The so-called rebels had brand new equipment supplied by the CIA and quickly overcame the outgunned police forces of the Haitian government. The official lies put out by the State Department were that Aristide was a brutal dictator when truth of the matter was that he was the leader of the pro-democracy forces in the country. His party Lavallas is still prevented by the so-called peacekeepers in Haiti from participating in elections there.

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The lies in Libya are different but just as vicious. The U.S. media repeated the genocide accusations, yet they have downplayed the ethnic cleansing by the Transitional forces in Libya who have killed black Libyans and called them mercenaries. The Western media reported that Gadhafi was distributing Viagra to his men so they could engage in mass rapes to subdue rebel forces. There was no evidence of this mass rape program, but it served to vilify the Libyan government. This story was similar to the lies told about the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait when supposedly Kuwaiti babies were snatched out of their incubators, in the hospital. The follow-up big lie was that the Iraqis had weapons of mass destruction.

I am not saying that Gaddafi did not ever commit human rights violations. I have met people who said they were exiled from Libya for having family members who opposed Gaddafi. They said that he was a brutal dictator.

Even if it were true, that would not be enough to inspire a NATO coalition and a multi-nation air attack. The last count I saw said that NATO had flown more than 7,000 attack sorties against Libyan troops and facilities. The fact that so much bombing was necessary for the Libya military to be weakened to the point of defeat by the rebels is an indication of the support for the government.

If most of the people in the country supported the opposition, the pro-Gaddafi forces would have collapsed in a number of days not months.

It is very curious that a rebel group intent on liberating its people, would call for foreign intervention in the form of massive bombing of their own country. For a nation as sparsely populated as Libya, thousands of bombing runs in urban areas endanger a sizeable segment of the population. Why would patriotic Libyans call for mass destruction of their nation?

The question that must be asked is why was it so urgent for western powers to depose Gaddafi now? He has been a thorn in the side of Western powers since he led the movement that overthrew the pro-Western monarch of Libya. Gaddafi nationalized the oilfields and supported liberation movements in various parts of the world. In more

recent years he has been working for the unity of Africa and the creation of an alternative development bank to free the continent from the vile clutches of the World Bank and the

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International Monetary Fund, which endeavor to keep the poor nations of the world poor. Gaddafi even went so far as to offer citizenship to Africans in the Diaspora in Libya. He also suggested that dollars no longer be accepted in payment for oil because of the shaky state of the U.S. economy. The so-called "Arab Spring" was the perfect cover for a NATO move against Libya.

Now the United States is trying to drum up international approval for an attack on Iran by claiming that an Iranian-American used car salesman is organizing a plot to get Mexican gangsters to kill the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the U.S. in Washington, D.C. This preposterous plot has been called an act of war by some in Washington.

The Transitional Government in Libya is a front group for the return of imperialism to the country and that is certain to spark resistance, especially if the programs for education, medical care and housing initiated by the Gaddafi regime are reversed.