



LIBYA

NATO BOMBING AND THE NO-FLY ZONE

NATO bombing is no solution | Full support for the Libyan uprising
No more western backing of tyrannical regimes

IRISH ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT PROTEST

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NATO BOMBING, NO SOLUTION. Just eight years after they launched their shock-and-awe devastation of Baghdad and ten years after their invasion of Afghanistan, the same western forces are pummeling yet another Muslim state with bombs, burning soldiers and tanks and killing civilians in the process. Yet again, the claim is that their intervention is a question of moral principle. The passing of the UN security Resolution 1973 which authorised the bombing was held up as an attempt to protect the Libyan rebels and stop Gaddafi brutally slaughtering his people. Why, then, did the same Western powers provide Gaddafi with the arms that are now slaughtering the Libyan people? Had NATO and the UN really wanted to support and protect the rebels, they could have acted differently. They could have

- Sent arms directly to the rebels and dispatched anti-aircraft weaponry dropped weaponry and supplies to the rebels
- Offered medical help and followed the example of many Libyan doctors in exile who hastened home to offer help to the injured.
- United in recognising the Benghazi based National Council as the legitimate government of Libya.

With 39.1 billion barrels of high quality oil reserves we cannot ignore that the question of oil looms large in this military intervention.

The NATO bombing has failed to halt the fighting or force Gaddafi's forces into submission. It is actually making things worse.

NO PARTITION AND FULL SUPPORT FOR THE LIBYAN UPRISING AND THE ARAB REVOLUTIONS.

The IAWM gives its full support to the Libyan uprising. It condemns the hypocrisy of western governments which despite their humanitarian rhetoric, have failed to respond to the basic demands of Libya's Transitional National Council (TNC). It asks for the recognition of the TNC, access to the billions in sequestered regime funds in order to buy weapons and other crucial supplies, and an immediate halt to the "mercenary flights" that provided Gaddafi's regime with its foot soldiers.

IRELAND SHOULD RECOGNISE THE LIBYAN NATIONAL COUNCIL AND CALL A HALT TO THE NATO INTERVENTION.

The IAWM believes that our government should not close ranks behind the NATO bombing of Libya. Fine Gael has made no secret of its desire to increase Ireland's cooperation with EU-NATO cooperation. The only comments of our new foreign minister on the crisis unfolding in Libya, has been to hide behind the letter of the UN mandate. We call on Ireland to recognise the Libyan Transitional National Council and call a halt to the NATO bombing.

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