



U.K. Parliament's report: NATO war against Libya was based on lies



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and political interests, not by humanitarian ones. The media, too, took part in this. Especially the Arab news channel "Al Jazeera" spread untenable rumours about Qaddafi and the Libyan government in order to justify the military intervention. The uprising – which was indeed violent and not peaceful – could not have been successful without military support from abroad. Ben Norton concludes: NATO bombing plunged Libya into a humanitarian catastrophe, killed thousands of people and displaced hundreds of thousands more. This turned Libya, the country with the highest standard of living in Africa into a war-torn, failed state. [www.kla.tv/11318] These were just a few of the most important excerpts from the investigation by the British House of Commons. It "strongly condemns the U.K.'s role in the war, which toppled the government of Libya's leader Muammar Qaddafi and plunged the North African country into chaos." But why is this informative report being neglected, and why is NATO and the heads responsible not brought in front of a military court for their massive war crimes? As Kla.TV already showed in previous broadcasts to Libya's situation (July 9, 2016) this system only appears to function but war crimes remain unpunished [www.kl.tv/8607] – also in the case of Libya. Muammar al-Qaddafi was neither publically given justice, nor were the numerous, baseless accusations taken back, or at least put into the right perspective. In the hope that an outraged outcry will rise from the population everywhere that cannot be ignored - and that future war lies will not be tolerated anymore – before it is too late, like in Libya for the many war victims. [www.kla.tv/8134]

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