



Press Statement

Michael Mansell comments on assassination of old friend Muamma Gaddafi

‘The gloating and rejoicing by western media of the western backed assassination of an Arab leader says more about the media than the man assassinated’, Michael Mansell said today.

Mr Mansell met Mr Gaddafi in Miserata, Libya in 1987 when he led a delegation of Aboriginals to make links with the Gadaffi regime. At the time Mr Mansell was roundly condemned by the Prime Minister Bob Hawke, who encouraged an Australian media frenzy about the Aboriginal link with a US, and thereby Australian, enemy. Mr Mansell openly supported Libyan funding of freedom fighters such as the IRA and openly stated he would have accepted Libyan money had it been offered.

Mr Mansell said, “I see nothing to rejoice in a human being murdered. The assassination could not have happened without the use of U.S. satellites, electronic monitoring, bombing of Gaddafi resistance and supply of weapons to the U.S. and NATO backed anti-Gaddafi forces. The Americans and their NATO allies supplied the means for the murder and the Libyans on the ground did the rest.

I have often been asked what I thought of Mr Gaddafi. I guess one has to compare him with other world leaders. Mr Gaddafi did not kill as many innocent women and children in Afghanistan and Iraq as Barak Obama has. Nor did Mr Gaddafi supply Israel with the phosphorous bombs, or the planes used to drop them from, on Palestinian civilians in 2009 as Obama did. Nor did Mr Gaddafi threaten to invade North Korea and Iran as Mr Obama has.

Instead of welcoming Barak Obama to Australia he should be arrested for crimes against humanity and war crimes, and put on trial in the Hague.

Americans are now able to replace leaders in Serbia, Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya without challenge or scrutiny. Assassination is the American modus operandi as we saw in Pakistan with Osama Bin Laden and the earlier lynching of Saddam Hussein in Iraq by US lackeys.

No foreign leader out of step with the US is safe, especially when oil is involved.

Yet the western media continue to operate as an extension of western government propoganda, being 'entrenched' with the western forces and in the case of Libya, openly rejoicing at Gaddafi's death. Examples include ABC's Sally Sara, who promotes Australian troops in Afghanistan as the good guys while describing Afghans fighting against western forces in Afghanistan as 'terrorists'. Similarly the BBC reporters who supply feeds to Australian outlets, have been roundly condemned by renowned British journalist Robert Fisk as 'clouding the truth' to promote western propoganda.

The killing of Mr Gaddafi says more about those who masterminded the killing than it does about the man killed."

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