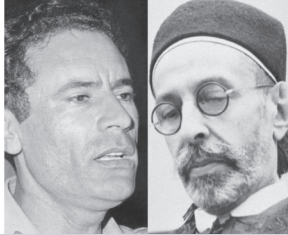


Gaddafi's reign of terror



1969: 27-year-old Captain **Muammar Gaddafi** (left) leads bloodless coup, ousting Libya's **King Idris**

1970: Building on resentment of Italy's 1911-43 colonial rule, Gaddafi expels some 20,000 Italians

1980: Sanctions assassination of dissidents living abroad



1984: Agents operating out of Libyan People's Bureau in London shoot dead British policewoman **Yvonne Fletcher**

1996: In his bloodiest act of internal repression, Gaddafi orders shooting of more than 1,100 prisoners at Tripoli's **Abu Salim Prison**

1999: After 13 years of crippling UN sanctions, Gaddafi hands over two Libyans charged with Lockerbie bombing



2004: Sanctions lifted. Britain's **Tony Blair** visits

2006: U.S. and Libya resume full diplomatic ties

2009: Gaddafi celebrates 40 years in power. Convicted Lockerbie bomber released from prison – welcomed as hero on return to Libya

1970s

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1974-76: Authorizes televised public hangings

1977: Declares "people's revolution" – creates **Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyyah**

Late 1970s: Actively backs global terrorism, supplying Semtex and hosting training camps for **IRA**, supporting Venezuelan **Carlos the Jackal**, and Palestinian terrorist **Abu Nidal** (below) – who moves operations to Tripoli



1986: Libyan agents accused of bombing Berlin disco, killing two American soldiers. U.S. President **Ronald Reagan** bombs Libya – 60 people killed, including Gaddafi's adopted baby daughter

1988: Libyan agents blow up **Pan Am Flight 103** over Scottish town of Lockerbie, killing 270 people

1989: French **UTA Flight 774** blown up over Sahara, killing 170 passengers and crew. Six Libyans convicted by Paris court

2001: Scottish court convicts one of alleged Lockerbie bombers, **Abdel Baset al-Megrahi**, and sentences him to life imprisonment

2003: Gaddafi pays \$2.7 billion in compensation to families of Lockerbie victims – pledges to dismantle weapons of mass destruction

Feb 2011: Hundreds of unarmed anti-government protesters killed in bloody crackdown by Gaddafi

