

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

> 1970: Building on resentment of Italy's 1911-43 colonial rule. Gaddafi expels some 20.000 Italians

> > 1974-76: Gaddafi authorizes televised public hangings

## The rise and fall of Muammar Gaddafi

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



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

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

2001: Scottish court convicts alleged bomber, Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, and sentences him to life imprisonment

2003: Gaddafi pays \$2.7 billion compensation to families of Lockerbie victims

2000s

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

2009: Gaddafi celebrates 40 years in power

Feb 2011: Hundreds of unarmed protesters killed in bloody crackdown

Mar: UN-backed NATO military campaign mounted to prevent Gaddafi forces attacking civilians

Jun: ICC issues arrest warrants for Gaddafi and his son Saif al-Islam for crimes against humanity

Aug 21: National Transitional Council forces take Tripoli

1970s

revolution" - creates

Arab Jamahiriyah

Late 1970s: Actively

backs global terrorism,

supplying Semtex and

hosting training camps for

Carlos the Jackal, and

Abu Nidal (below) - who

Palestinian terrorist

IRA, supporting Venezuelan

1977: Declares "people's

Socialist People's Libyan

1980s

1988: Libyan agents blow up *Pan Am Flight 103* over Scottish town of Lockerbie. (below) killing 270 people

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

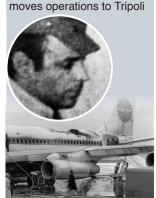
1996: In his bloodiest act . of internal repression, Gaddafi orders shooting of Tripoli's Abu Salim Prison 1990s

2003: Gaddafi pledges to dismantle weapons of mass destruction

Oct 20: Colonel Gaddafi reportedly captured and killed as NTC forces seize last stronghold of Sirte



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1980: Gaddafi sanctions assassination of dissidents living abroad

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