



Libya, One Year Later Cato Institute

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Description Some political commentators have called the Obama administration's intervention last year in the Libyan civil war an 'undeniable success' and one of 'the greatest triumphs and signature moments in Barack Obama's presidency.' One year later, however, Libya remains in crisis. Reports suggest that operatives linked to al Qaeda are active in Libya. Militias are detaining thousands of former regime loyalists and engaging in widespread torture. Instability remains rampant and has spilled into neighboring states. Moreover, President Obama's unilateral decision to intervene contravened congressional war powers. What do these troubling developments mean for the future of the UN's 'responsibility to protect'? Did the death of Muammar Qaddafi vindicate the intervention? Will Qaddafi's example make other so-called rogue states less willing to relinquish their nuclear programs? Were political commentators premature in declaring NATO's intervention a success? Please join us as leading scholars examine this under-appreciated and almost forgotten topic.

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