

## Libya

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Libya is a country based in North Africa. The capital of Libya is Tripoli. Libya is quite heavily populated as it has a mass population of 6.5 million people. Most people in Libya speak and write in Arabic as their main language is in fact Arabic. The main religion in Libya is Islamic which is also known as Muslim. This means that their god is Allah. The President of Libya is Muammar Gaddafi who has been causing a lot of trouble as leader of the country. Many people have ~~been~~ turned against him.

Colonel Gaddafi has done a lot of bad things to the country of Libya such as putting people in solitary confinement. Inside the prison he created, people were tortured and the conditions ~~was~~ were so bad people even tried to claw their way out of metal doors. They beat them, deprived them of food and also even resulted to taking off their fingernails. Some even died in there. The people there must have felt very scared like I would be if I was put in there.

Most of the people in Libya tried to force Gaddafi out of power so they could stop all of this torture. They began to rebel against Gaddafi and got their names as the rebels. As this war was going on many people were dying and most fatally injured including children. Whilst the rebels were fighting many people tried to flee from the country in order to save themselves and their family. It was very hard to be safe with Gaddafi in power when he has armed forces bombing everywhere and rebels fighting or should I say trying to fight back.

Even before this fighting was happening in 2011, in Libya a bombing was also going on in the U.S. in 2009. Apparently there are victims in America from bombing that also happened when



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Gaddafi was in power. Although then he did pay compensation to all the families that were hurt because of the bombing.

Colonel Gaddafi did also help Libya. If it wasn't for him Libya wouldn't have <sup>satellite</sup> ~~satellite~~, t.v. and phones. It wasn't just Libya that he helped he helped other countries like Nigeria who also wouldn't have satellite, t.v. and phone cables. These countries were supposed to be paying 500 million pounds every year but Gaddafi made a deal so that they only have to pay 400 million pounds once as a lump sum. To me I think that was a very important gesture but we should not forget hundreds of people are dying in hospitals because of the bombing in Libya, which he could have prevented if he was nicer to his people. ~~424 words~~

Gaddafi was also lying to the English and American government. He said that his forces were going to seize fire on the Libyan rebels but he didn't he just kept firing. That is another way he could have stopped people from dying if he stopped firing. He was using things such as bombs, guns and even tear gas. Tear gas is a gas that makes you ~~cry~~ cry blood which can apparently kill people. In truth the rebels don't stand a chance. Most of Gaddafi's forces are being paid more to work for him. Even the Americans were going to supply the rebels with weapons because they also wanted to end this war.

The life expectancy for men is 73 years whilst for women it's 74 years. With all this bombing going on I don't ~~think~~ think that that applies here. Overall I ~~thing~~ think that Gaddafi should stand down as it would be better for the people in Libya. Now it would probably take longer to rebuild the <sup>country</sup> ~~city~~ again after the massive war, and destruction of homes.