



MASSACRE OF EL-HAMEDI FAMILY

Safa, Khweldi, Salam and Khaleda



Khaled K. El-Hamedi

My name is Khaled K. El-Hamedi, I am Libyan and run an international charity for children called the International Organisation for Peace, Care and Relief (IOPCR). We have done work helping children affected by conflict including helping orphans in Bosnia and Gaza, Palestine, where I also helped with reconciliation efforts between Hamas and Fatah.





In early February 2011 my country witnessed what now clearly seems to be a Western organised attack on my country, starting with protests fuelled by comments such as those by British Foreign Minister William Hague when he said our leader - Muammar Gaddafi - had fled to Venezuela. Western media outlets and some Arab channels such as Al-Arabiya and Al-Jazeera helped to escalate the situation which then resulted in the NATO bombardment of my country since March 2011. I decided to stay in my country despite the devastation from the NATO campaign, to help the civilians especially the children to cope with this war.





I am the son of a well known Libyan army leader, and that seems to be enough for some media to broadcast the lie that I had a personal militia that was attacking Libyan civilians. Like so many other stories this has been a complete fabrication.



My children used to ask me what the noises were from the NATO bombing raids on our country, to try and ensure my children would not get too upset I told them that they are fireworks and told assured them that we soon would go and visit Euro-Disney, something they had always wanted to do.





On the June 20th, tragedy befell my family. On the day after my Son's Khweldi's third birthday, NATO attacked my family home with seven bombs killing my Son Khweldi, my pregnant Wife Safa, my Daughter Khalida who was four and a half years old, my nieces Salam of five years old and Amna who was one and half years old, and our chef Bashir. They have claimed it was a military site, but it was the family farm house to which we used to invite Libyan children and orphans to see our small collection of animals and to enjoy the grounds of our farm.





NATO bombing of this kind has not just targeted my family, but hundreds of other families now in Libya, in what is clearly an illegal war waged by NATO that is not protecting civilians, but murdering them in their hundreds.



This NATO aggression must cease, and I am seeking justice through international courts against NATO for these crimes.

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Khaled K. El-Hamedi was born on 31 December 1973 in Tripoli, Libya. He grew up in the city and received his Bachelor of Engineering Science with a major in Computing in 1996 from the Faculty of Engineering at Tripoli's AlFatah University. In 2001 he obtained a Masters Degree in Business Administration in Telecommunications from the International University in Geneva, Switzerland, having passed with high distinction.

As President of IOPCR, a non-governmental organization (NGO) with special consultative status on the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (UN), El-Hamedi stimulated the activities of the organization in many humanitarian fields around the globe. In March 2002, he went to Kuwait to help handle the issue of Kuwaiti prisoners of war and those reported missing in action during the Iraq War, as well as heading the 'No to war, Yes to peace' Campaign to deliver aid to the children of Iraq. He also raised a tent at the Rafah Border Crossing on the Egyptian – Palestine border under the slogan 'Stop The Bleeding' as a protest over Israel's January 2009 invasion of the Gaza Strip.

IOPCR has engaged in various forms of aid work in Algeria, Iran, Pakistan, Egypt, Sudan, Bosnia as well as made local contributions to different care centers throughout Libya such as orphanages and homes for the elderly.

During recent years El-Hamedi has achieved agreements with a number of international organizations working in the field of humanitarian relief such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), the Italian Council for Refugees (CIR), the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), - Doctors Without Borders / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), the International Islamic Relief Organization (IR), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

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