

Chronology of Libyan Support for Terrorism 1980-85

1985

- December Italy/Austria: Passports used by Abu Nidal terrorists in attack on El Al counter provided by Libya.
- November Malta: Hijacking of Egyptair airliner by Abu Nidal supporters may have involved Libyan support.
- Egypt: Four-man team of Libyan agents arrested shortly before attempting to attack gathering of Libyan exiles. Former Libyan Prime Minister Bakoush the main target.
- October Greece: Libyan merchant wounded in Athens by two gunmen the victim had left Libya five years earlier.
- September Tunisia: Libyan diplomat smuggles about 100 letter bombs addressed to journalists into Tunisia. Several explode injuring two postal workers and causing Tunisia to sever diplomatic relations.
- May United States: A Libyan diplomat at the United Nations was declared persona non grata, and 16 non-official Libyans were subpoenaed to appear before a United States grand jury in connection with a plot to kill dissidents in several different states.
- April West Germany: Moroccan citizen resident in the FRG since 1960 killed by Libyan, who was arrested at the scene.
- West Germany: Anti-Qadhafi Libyan student killed in Bonn by Libyan gunman who was arrested. The assassin also wounded two German passersby, one seriously. The victim had been a target of the Libyan regime for at least two years.
- Cyprus: Libyan businessman assassinated in downtown Nicosia by an unidentified gunman. The victim was the director of an offshore holding company and was believed to be an opponent of the Libyan regime.
- March Italy: Libyan jeweler murdered in his shop in Rome. A silencer-equipped pistol was left at the scene by the assassin.
- February Austria: Former Libyan Ambassador to Austria severely wounded by two shots fired from a car outside his home in Vienna. The victim had supported Qadhafi's seizure of power in 1969, but he quit his post in disgust at the regime in 1980.

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- November            Egypt:            President Mubarak announces that four assassins sent to Egypt by Libya to kill former Libyan Prime Minister Bakoush had been arrested and forced to send fake pictures to the Libyan Embassy in Malta showing Bakoush apparently dead. Official Libyan press sources then claimed Bakoush had been executed by suicide squads sent abroad "to liquidate enemies of the revolution."
- September          Italy:            A Libyan exile was found gagged and strangled in a hotel in Rome. The victim had been the subject of Libyan requests for deportation to Libya.
- Chad:            Chadians discover plot to assassinate President Habre with an attache case bomb. Evidence of the plot, including photographs of the bomb, was provided to the United Nations the following February when Chad lodged a complaint against Libya.
- August              United Kingdom:    One of six Libyans awaiting trial for bomb attacks in London in March, 1983 found shot to death in a London apartment. The victim may have been silenced by the Libyan government.
- Belgium:        A bomb wrecks a car parked in front of the Zairian Embassy in Brussels.
- July                 Belgium:        A bomb exploded in the Brussels office of Air Zaire.
- Red Sea:        Libya mined the Red Sea, damaging 18 merchant ships of varying nationalities.
- Greece:         Two Libyan students found murdered in their apartment in a crime reminiscent of Libyan killings of anti-Qadhafi students in 1980 and 1981. The two were beaten, strangled, and gagged before being shot twice in the back.
- June                 Greece:         Anti-Qadhafi Libyan editor of an Arab newspaper in Athens killed by two men on a motorbike.
- Greece:         A Libyan-born citizen known to distribute anti-Qadhafi literature at his store shot by a Libyan employee of Libyan Arab Airlines.
- May                  Libya:            Jana, the official Libyan news agency, announces "the Libyan masses have decided to form suicide commandos to chase traitors and stray dogs wherever they are and liquidate them physically."

April	United Kingdom:	A bomb hidden in an unclaimed suitcase probably unloaded from a Libyan airliner explodes at London's Heathrow Airport, injuring 25.
	Libya:	A number of British subjects in Libya arrested on trumped-up charges as hostages in order to pressure British government during siege of Libyan People's Bureau in London.
	United Kingdom:	British policewoman killed and 11 anti-Qadhafi demonstrators wounded by gunfire from London Libyan People's Bureau. After a siege, British authorities found weapons and spent shell casings in the vacated embassy.
March	United Kingdom:	Four bombs explode in London and Manchester near homes of Libyan exiles or at businesses frequented by them. Over 25 people injured. Three other bombs defused. Nine Libyan suspects arrested.
	Sudan:	One Libyan TU-22 bomber drops bombs on Omdurman, Sudan, site of a radio transmitter used by anti-Qadhafi oppositionists.
February	Libya:	Following annual Libyan General People's Congress, the Libyan Revolutionary Committees announce that all Libyan exiles must return to Libya or face "the death penalty."
	Libya:	Libyan authorities take no action while a mob burned the Jordanian Embassy in Tripoli.
	Congo:	Chadian dissidents ready to negotiate with Government of Chad threatened in Brazzaville, Congo.
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August	Upper Volta:	Libya gave material support to coup in Upper Volta.
July	Chad:	Libya invaded Chad for the second time. Occupation continues into 1985.
June	West Germany:	Eight Libyan students in West Germany, all members of an anti-Qadhafi group, complain Libyan agents are harassing and threatening them.
February	Libya:	Libyan General People's Congress warn all Libyans in exile to return home or face the "anger of the Libyan people."

1982

No incidents known.

1981

- November Sudan: Several bombs explode near government installations in Khartoum.
- October Sudan: Planned assassination of visiting Chadian official, Hussein Habre, failed when those sent to conduct the operation surrendered.
- Egypt: Two bombs explode in luggage being unloaded from a plane coming from Libya via Malta.
- August Libya: Two Libyan SU-22s that fired at US Navy F-14s over Gulf of Sidra shot down.
- July United States: Anti-Qadhafi Libyan student killed Ogden, Utah.
- June Sudan: Bomb explodes in front of Chadian Embassy in Khartoum.
- February Italy: Libyan gunmen open fire on passengers arriving at Rome's airport on a flight from Algiers. Prominent anti-Qadhafi exile was the target.

1980

- November United Kingdom: Anti-Qadhafi Libyan student brutally murdered in London.
- United Kingdom: Two children of an anti-Qadhafi Libyan poisoned by eating peanuts containing thalium.
- October Chad: Libyan forces occupied Chad. Qadhafi attempted to force a Libya-Chad union.
- Gambia: Libyan subversion in Gambia caused break in relations. Senegalese troops intervene under a mutual defense treaty.
- June Italy: Anti-Qadhafi exile wounded in Rome.
- Italy: Libyan exile killed in Milan within hours after expiration of a deadline set by Qadhafi for all Libyan exiles to return home.
- May Italy: Libyan exile shot at in Rome. The arrested Libyan gunman says he was sent by Libya "to kill an enemy of the people."

	Greece:	Libyan exile killed in Athens. His throat was slit.
	Italy:	Libyan businessman found strangled to death in Rome.
	West Germany:	Libyan exile gunned down in Bonn.
	Italy:	Libyan exile killed in Rome by two gunshots to the head.
April	United Kingdom:	Libyan lawyer shot and killed in London.
	Italy:	Well known Libyan businessman killed. The arrested assassin said he was an enemy of Colonel Qadhafi.
	United Kingdom:	Two gunmen kill an anti-Qadhafi Libyan journalist.
February	Libya:	Tunisian and French Embassies in Tripoli sacked and burned by a mob while Libyan authorities took no action.
<u>1979</u>		
December	Libya:	An estimated 2000 Libyans set fire to the US Embassy in Tripoli. The Libyan authorities did not respond to requests by the Embassy for protection.
November	West Germany:	Two Libyans arrested with three suspected Palestinians for an unspecified terrorist operation.