

Irene's devastation, and NATO's bombs

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After watching Mother Nature's wrath, in the form of hurricane Irene, wreak havoc on U.S. cities, I switched news channels to watch how NATO's wrath, in the form of fighter jets, had wreaked havoc on ancient cities like Tripoli and Sirte in Libya.

Despite so many NATO member countries being in a steep economic decline, they are always financially willing and able to wage war and cause destruction in foreign lands - even while their own infrastructures crumble into neglectful disrepair due to lack of funds.

Parts of Tripoli, founded by Phoenicians in the seventh century BC, lie in ruins as the world's press cameramen lead us through the rubble, with little said about NATO's changing role. It had quietly and quickly morphed from implementing a United Nations and Arab League-sanctioned no-fly zone to protect anti-government rebels into a bombing onslaught to decimate all sites Moammar Gadhafi controlled. Tripoli and other cities weren't devastated by the small machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades launched from the rebels' pickup trucks; the depredation came from the military might of NATO.

Have things really changed that much since Phoenician times?

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