

# LIVE FROM TRIPOLI. Western Media Complicit in NATO's "Humanitarian Bloodbath"

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## Foreign journalists trapped in deserted hotel in Tripoli

Foreign journalists who have been obliged to stay in a hotel in Tripoli during the conflict are now trapped in the building as practically all the staff and security personnel have run for their lives.

Journalist Mahdi Nazemroaya from the Center for Research on Globalisation is in Tripoli and has crossed live to RT, saying the situation is critical and the next several hours will be decisive.

According to journalist, the rebel Transitional Council have ordered snipers to control the area around the hotel where foreign journalist are staying to ensure that no chaotic scenes develop in the vicinity. There is an electrified mob outside chanting clearly audible victory slogans and shooting in the air and the situation is increasingly tense.

*"There is no security, the only security is journalists securing the perimeter [of the hotel] by themselves,"* Mahdi Nazemroaya said, adding that the rebels have been checking the documentation of guests at the hotel, which has been abandoned by staff, and have discovered that some of the journalists using the hotel are not journalists at all.

Mahdi Nazemroaya says "Yugoslavian" tactics have been used, with NATO bombing out military and civil infrastructure to clear the way for the rebels.

*"NATO did all the work here with the bombing and their leaders must be held accountable as war criminals for killing civilians,"* he said, questioning why NATO is engaged in toppling Muammar Gaddafi while regimes in Qatar and Bahrain have been suppressing democracy and killing their own people without being held accountable.

Looters are already ripping off computers and screen projection units from the first floor of the hotel, going through rooms and grabbing whatever they can.

The journalists in the deserted hotel are panicky, hanging signs saying "TV" and "PRESS" wherever they can, including on themselves.

Journalists are hoping against hope that they will be evacuated from the hotel by international contingents from the UN, not NATO. Nazemroaya says crowds have gathered

outside the hotel with the express aim of sowing panic and intimidating the press.

Libyan rebels claim they control most of Tripoli.

Two of Gaddafi's sons have been arrested with some reports suggesting the leader himself is in a specialist cardiac unit in a town 14 kilometres east of the capital. .

Following a night of chaos in the capital, crowds have gathered in the city's central square waving revolutionary flags.

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