

# NATO's Actions Contradict Their Stated "Values"

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*NATO **Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg** regularly confirms the alliance's commitment to strive for peace, safety and stability in the Euro-Atlantic region, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the UN-Charter. "Our actions are aimed to defend individual liberty, human rights, democracy and the rule of law". That's what he usually claims at summits and meetings with chiefs of Foreign and Defense Departments of NATO member-countries.*

However, the alliance's activity shows otherwise. Numerous heads of states and international organizations frequently denounce NATO war crimes and unauthorized use of forces.

Thus, in the recent few months, the US and its allies have been accused of the following violations:

- warplanes of the US-led international coalition [launched](#) airstrikes in the countryside of al-Bukamal city in eastern Syria and killed at least 30 civilians, reported Syria's news agency SANA on July, 13. While Iran's Minister of Foreign Affairs recalled that the US presence in Syria is illegal, since the beginning of the conflict.";
- according to [a report, made by a group of Libyan nuclear experts](#), NATO used depleted uranium munitions in 2011 Libya airstrikes;
- Nicaraguan president, **Daniel Ortega**, [condemned](#) United States interference in Nicaragua's policy. Nicaragua "has always been a target of North American (United States) politics," and it is, for this reason, several U.S. agencies have "prepared the people" to be against the Sandinista government, the Nicaraguan head of state said in an interview with CNN en Español.
- the president of Bolivia, **Evo Morales**, [warned](#) of the U.S. plans to invade Venezuela. "Before the elections they will carry out violent actions supported by the media and after the elections they will try a military invasion with Armed Forces from neighboring countries," President Morales said on his official Twitter account.

Of course, the U.S. destabilizing activity is not limited to this short list. It's sufficient to mention [NATO intervention](#) of Yugoslavia in 1999 without the approval of the United Nations Security Council. Over a thousand NATO warplanes delivered at least 2,000 airstrikes in nearly 40,000 sorties, dropping over 20,000 bombs over the former Yugoslavia, killing thousands of civilian men, women, and children. In 2001, the U.S. forces tortured and humiliated prisoners in Afghanistan. U.S. phosphorus bombs were dropped on Iraq in 2003

despite the protocol III of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, which bans its use as an incendiary weapon against civilian populations.

All the facts above make it clear that NATO's values have nothing to do with their purposes, and its commitment to democracy and law doesn't stand up to scrutiny.

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