

## The battle for Libya: Killings, disappearances and torture

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In mid-February 2011 Libyans called for a "Day of Rage" against the iron-fist rule of Colonel Mu'ammар al-Gaddafi, in power since 1969. The protests were met with lethal force. By early March the uprising had evolved into an armed conflict between forces loyal to Colonel al-Gaddafi and armed protesters coalesced into a loosely structured force led by the newly established National Transitional Council. This report documents serious and widespread human rights violations by al-Gaddafi forces and also abuses committed by the opposition.

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