

Reagan and the Middle East



33 Minutes: Looking Good Already



Iran-Hostage Crisis Ended
January 20, 1981



Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988)



US “tilted”
toward Iraq



Covertly Sent
Weapons to Iran
(Iran Contra Scandal)

Lebanese Civil War Continued



American Concern: Security

Reagan sent US Troops to Lebanon (1982)



To protect the American Embassy in Beirut

US Embassy Attack Beirut

April 18, 1983



46 killed, 16 American

US Marine Barracks Attacked in Beirut October 23, 1983



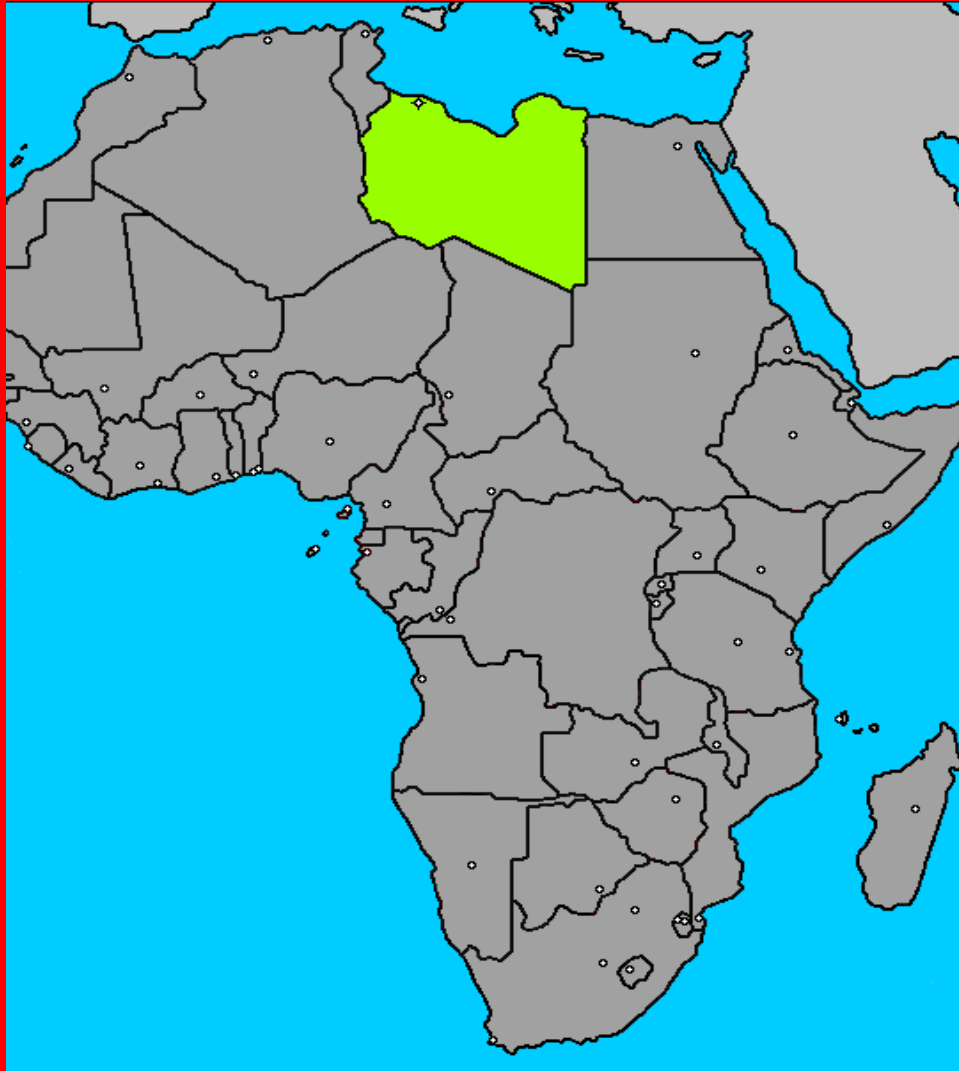
241 US Marines killed



Reagan: US Withdraw



Next Middle Eastern Problem: Libya and Muammar Gaddafi



Gulf of Sidra Incident

August 19, 1981



- 2 Libyan planes shot down by US fighters

Can Libya fight the US conventionally?

West Berlin Bombing (April 5, 1986)



- 3 killed (2 US) and 229 injured

Proposed Military Response



Operation El Dorado Canyon

April 15, 1986

Mission

- 55 planes
- 12 minutes
- 5 target areas
- 227 hits



Operation El Dorado Canyon



Accidentally Bombed an Embassy: French

Libya's Response: More Terrorism



Pan Am Flight 103 Lockerbie, Scotland (1988)

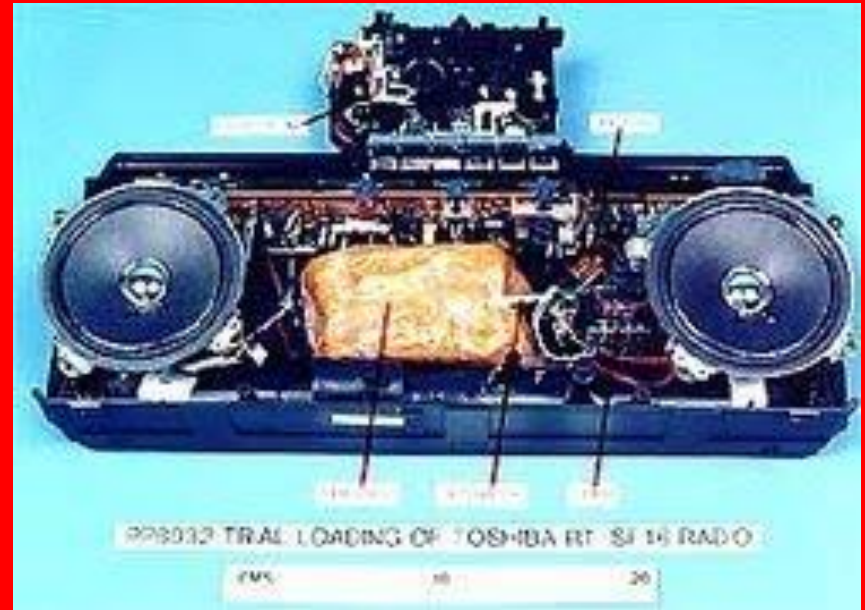


270 killed (190 US)

Pan Am Flight 103 Lockerbie, Scotland



Investigation



Same circuit board used in
West Berlin bombing



Abdelbaset Ali Mohamed Al Megrahi



January 31, 2001

Life Imprisonment

August 20, 2009

Released Terminal
Prostate Cancer

-3 months to live

Hero's Welcome

Died: May 20, 2012

Achille Lauro Hijacking (October 7, 1985) Palestinian Terrorists



Killed Jewish-American Leon Klinghoffer

Negotiated Release: Freedom to Tunisia

October 9, 1985



“You can run but can’t hide”
-Ronald Reagan



Ringleader: Muhammad Zaydan



Captured April 16, 2003
Baghdad, Iraq

Died
(of natural causes)
March 8, 2004

Afghanistan: Help is on the Way



Sent \$3 billion in aid to the Mujahedeen 1979 – 1988

Soviet Withdrew from Afghanistan



US helped Mujahedeen win (1989)

Reagan's Middle East Record

Iran-Hostage Crisis Ended
Iran-Iraq War
Lebanaon
Libya
Achille Lauro
Afghanistan

Wins

- Iran-Hostage Crisis Ended
- Iran-Iraq War
- Achille Lauro
- Afghanistan

Losses

- Lebanon

Ties

- Libya

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Persian Gulf War: Defeated Iraq