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THE MURDERER WHO HAD TO BE SAVED

UNDER EMBARGO UNTIL JAN 9

A book, to be published in France on January 9, 2025, reveals some of the archives of Abdallah Senussi, the former spymaster of Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi. Recovered after the fall of the regime by Samir Shegwara, an opponent of Gaddafi, who transmitted them on to French senior investigative journalists Karl Laske (Mediapart) and Vincent Nouzille (a specialist in intelligence issues), these archives cover a wide range of subjects: terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, secret diplomacy, financial dealings, intensive lobbying and corruption. These documents shed light on Abdallah Senussi's central role in Libya's state-sponsored terrorism of the 1980s, and his preparations for attacks, notably targeting France and the United States. They provide new revelations about the explosion of the Boeing belonging to the American airline company Pan Am on December 21, 1988 over Lockerbie (Scotland) and about the bombing of the DC10 belonging to the French airline UTA, on September 19, 1989 over the Ténéré desert (Niger). These bombings killed a total of 440 people: the deadliest attacks before 9/11 in the USA.

The Abdallah Senussi 's archives demonstrate the premeditated nature of the bombing campaign: deliveries of explosives, tests on suitcase bombs, scouting of airports, sending agents on reconnaissance missions, summit meetings. Gaddafi's secret services had left nothing to chance. These documents reveal the involvement of numerous Libyan agents and high-ranking officers in the attacks. Some of the names that appear could re-launch legal investigations on both sides of the Atlantic, whether in the Pan Am or UTA cases. This is particularly the case of the alleged Libyan "artificer" Masud, whose trial is due to begin in May 2025 in the United States: his role seems strategic in both cases, just like that of Senussi.

Once its involvement had been established by investigations carried out in Scotland, the United States and France during the early 90s, Libya's Gaddafi, which was embargoed, had done everything in its power to clear its name. Senussi's archives provide numerous revelations, including a deal proposed by the French secret services, the subornation of key witnesses, behind-the-scenes of the trials and financial negotiations with victims.

Sentenced in 1999 in absentia in France for terrorist crimes to life imprisonment in the UTA DC10 affair, Abdallah Senussi subsequently did everything in his power to have his sentence lifted. Having become the key man in the reconciliation with the United States and France, Gaddafi's master spy approached Nicolas Sarkozy's entourage before his election as President of the French Republic in 2007. A pact was on the table: money in exchange for his impunity. He was the murderer who had to be saved. This secret is at the heart of a politico-financial trial that begins in Paris on January 6, 2025, with Nicolas Sarkozy and several of his former ministers as the main defendants. Based on exclusive documents and testimonies, this book tells the whole story.

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