

Ex-CIA Chief Hayden: Libya Killing Is Obama's Fault

Sept. 17—On Sept. 12, former CIA Director (2006-09) Michael Hayden said that the violence that claimed the life of the U.S. ambassador in Libya, was the result of President Obama's decision to intervene in the Libyan revolt without a "true or deep appreciation" for the consequences.

"I'm reminded of Secretary of State Powell's comments about Iraq, going back almost a decade ago—the 'Pottery Barn' theory—that if you break it, you own it," Hayden said in an interview with Newsmax.com.

"Here's a case," Hayden explained, "where we went into Libya for reasons that seemed very powerful for some people at the time, almost all of them humanitarian, perhaps without a true or deep appre-

ciation for what the secondary and tertiary effects of overthrowing Gadhafi would be. This was always the story we saw in those cell phone videos of oppressed and oppressor, but there were other stories going on too, other narratives—East versus West in Libya, tribal disputes in Libya, eastern Libya being home of the Islamic Libyan fighting group. All these subplots were always out there, and once you shatter the old society, these subplots become far more powerful, and now we are seeing the results of that: loss of control, manned portable air missiles, weapons from Libya being used to grab the northern half of Mali away from the Malian government, which is a good friend of the U.S."

"You've got the Russians, with some legitimacy, feeling that the U.N. Security Council resolution on Libya was bait and switch," Hayden declared. "It was never just humanitarian assistance, it was to overthrow the regime, and as for how that affects the Russians, think about Syria."