

THE WEST IS SHOCKED-SHOCKED!-TO FIND QADDAFI'S LOOT IN THEIR CASINOS!

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Now that they're dancing on Moammar Qaddafi's grave (or would be, if the rebels would end the trophy show of his body so he can be buried), they're no doubt faced with a dilemma.

How to get all the money they bribed Qaddafi with over the years back into circulation, paying for consultants on reconstruction and generating fees for their banks?

I expect we'll see a series of articles like this one, expressing shock-shock!-that Qaddai managed to loot \$200 billion from his country.

Moammar Kaddafi secretly salted away more than \$200 billion in bank accounts, real estate and corporate investments around the world before he was killed, about \$30,000 for every Libyan citizen and double the amount that Western governments previously had suspected, according to senior Libyan officials.

The new estimates of the deposed dictator's hidden cash, gold reserves and investments are "staggering," one person who has studied detailed records of the asset search said Friday. "No one truly appreciated the scope of it."

Oh, I'm sure some people "appreciated the scope of it"—like the Goldman Sachs banksters who "lost" almost all of Libya's investment fund for it. And it's not like our government hasn't been fully aware this has been going on. That's all before you assume we've been using SWIFT to monitor Qaddafi's looting in the name of counterterrorism.

Better for those who want to continue to profit off this money to express shock, though, or Libyans and others might cop on that the big play here is to continue to profit.

(In related news, see this Real News Network video on the looting in Sub-Saharan Africa.)