

### **Abstract (in English):**

Libya, ruled by colonel al-Qadhdhafi, did not play a very important role in the world politics during the seventies and the eighties of the twentieth century. However, the Libyan support of terrorism and aggression towards Libyan emigrants forced Great Britain and United States of America to seek diplomatic, economic and military action against the régime of al-Qadhdhafi. The aim of this work is to characterize the changes in the relationship between the United Kingdom and Libya in the time when Margaret Thatcher was the British Prime Minister. By the means of analysis of parliamentary discussions and archive materials from the PM's office I try to explain the events of this era and also their consequences. In the core of this thesis I am focusing on the murder of policewoman Yvonne Fletcher, which started off a diplomatic feud between Britain and Libya in 1984. Furthermore, I am trying to analyse the subsequent American bombing of Tripolis and Benghazi to which Margaret Thatcher gave her permission and aid. The last event described in this work is the terrorist attack on the board of the flight Pan Am 103. The plane crashed in the Lockerbie area in Scotland.

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