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**DEATH IN THE SKIES.  
THE ASSAULT OF LOCKERBIE AND  
ITS MYSTERIES**

On the eve of 21st December 1988 a jumbo of the US airline Pan Am exploded in the sky over the Scottish village Lockerbie. 270 persons were killed that day – it was the most impactful terror attack before 9/11. But who was responsible for this mass assault? 25 years later experts and investigators are still facing many open questions. Was the convicted Libyan secret service officer Abdel Basset Ali al-Meghrahi really responsible for the attack? The documentary publishes the last interview with the alleged terrorist for the first time on German TV. Recorded only days before his death, almost unable to speak, he swore his innocence. Tactic? Lie?

Even around the court proceedings, which started in the late 90s and lead to Megrahi's conviction, critical voices became ever louder. Professor Hans Köchler, by then UN appointed process observer, raises doubts if the trial was conducted properly. Some years ago an official Scottish board of inquiry even talked about potential phoney proof, manipulated crown witnesses and a big 'error of justice'. The authors Christoph Caron and Carl-Ludwig Paeschke found witnesses who have stayed silent for decades and whose testimonies lead to a trace that official investigations had neglected early on – the Iran. The former Iranian secret service agent and defector Abolghassem Mesbahi confirms, that the attack was a revenge ordered by Khomeini. For the first time two Palestinians who held responsible positions in the late 1980s raise their voices.

On the other side stands Abu Bakr, back then spokesperson of the Palestinian terrorist Abu Nidal. He is convinced: 'The operation is from A to Z attributable to the regime of Libya.'

25 years after the explosion in the Scottish sky the Lockerbie-attack is still full of mysteries - a fact that is difficult to accept for those left behind.