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DURATION

1h32



SYNOPSIS:

An old-time war reporter, philosopher and writer, Bernard-Henri Lévy is sent by a group of newspapers (Paris Match, La Repubblica, The Wall Street Journal, Der Stern and others) to bear witness and report from places in the world where suffering and misery is at its peak, where wars are going on under our noses, where the world's destiny is being determined and no one, it seems, is paying attention. **An unflinching look at the most urgent humanitarian crises around the globe.**



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BERNARD-HENRI LEVY

Bernard-Henri Lévy does nothing that goes unnoticed. He is an intellectual adventurer who brings publicity to unfashionable political causes.

New York Times

We need Mr. Lévy's voice—clear, unconstructed, unconstrained, real—to help us.

Wall Street Journal

Like his British literary heroes Lord Byron and TE Lawrence, he [Bernard-Henri Lévy] is a man of action who aims to change the world.

Financial Times

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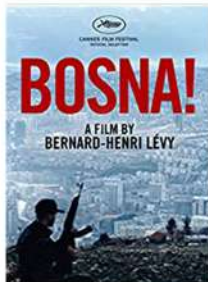
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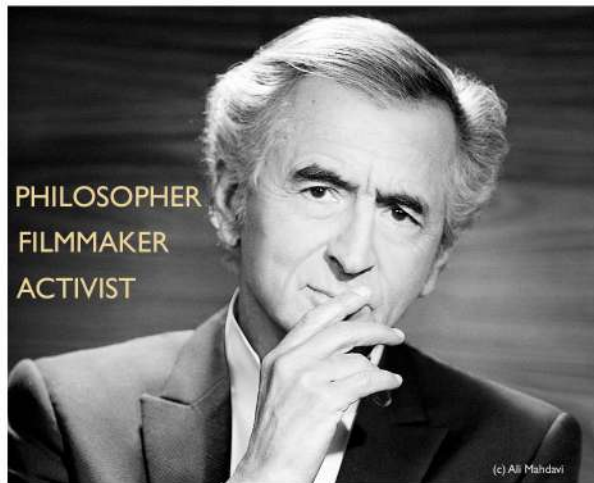
(1994)



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ACTIVIST

(c) Ali Mahdavi

Bernard-Henri Lévy is a French philosopher, filmmaker, activist and the author of over 30 books.

Levy's work as an intellectual has been uniquely intertwined with humanitarian activism since he replied, at the age of 23, to the call of French author Andre Malraux for the formation of an international brigade to support the Bangladesh liberation struggle in 1971.

Since then, his taste for bearing witness to the horrors of the world has not wavered.

*"The best soldiers are those who fight
without loving it."*



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NIGERIA

Nigeria is Africa's wealthiest and most populous country and here, as Lévy explains, in the Wall Street Journal, "a slow-motion war is under way... a massacre of Christians, massive in scale and horrific in brutality. And the world has hardly noticed." Comparing the violence and persecution executed by Islamic terrorist groups in Nigeria "to Rwanda in the 1990s and to Darfur and South Sudan in the 2000s," Lévy asked, "Will the West let history repeat itself in Nigeria?"

LESBOS

Named "the worst refugee camp in the world" by Doctors without Borders, Moria, the infamous reception center, on the Greek island of Lesbos, was constructed for 2,000 refugees but until last year, housed nearly 20,000 souls. With horrific and inhumane conditions, the camp was a tragedy waiting to explode and that it did. In September 2020, the camp burned to the ground.



SOMALIA

Independent since 1960, the country has been ravaged by endless wars over decades. The capital, Mogadishu, has become a hotbed for violence and terrorism. Al-Shabab, the Islamist group affiliated with Al-Qaeda, has wreaked havoc on the country and few Westerners have been back since the tragedy of Black Hawk Down.

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LIBYA

In 2011, Muammar Gaddafi was overthrown by a NATO-led international coalition including the United States, the United Kingdom and France. This military intervention was encouraged by Bernard-Henri Lévy who saw looming a massacre of the civilian population akin to what would later happen in Syria under Assad. Ten years later, Lévy returned for the first time to launch an appeal for unity to the Libyan people and visit the killing fields of Tàrhouna, only to have his car attacked in a dangerous ambush...



BANGLADESH

In 1971, Bangladesh's war of liberation against Pakistan commenced. For nearly a year, the Pakistani army committed acts of barbarism against the civilian population. Between 1.5 and 3 million people perished, 8-10 million people fled and estimated 30 million civilians were displaced. At the conclusion of the war, the country was left free, but horribly devastated by the atrocities.

In the moment, the western world woke up, and public intellectual André Malraux issued a call for an international brigade. The young Bernard-Henri Lévy answered, went on the ground, following the Mukti Bahini, Bangladesh's guerilla resistance fighters against the Pakistanis. Nearly fifty years later, he remains the rare Western witness of this forgotten war.



AFGHANISTAN

After 20 years in Afghanistan, the United States and its allies concluded this "forever war" and the floodgates opened for the Taliban to retake the country. Now with devastating humanitarian, political and economic consequences, severe restrictions on human rights and a dark cloud descending over the country, the son of legendary Commander Ahmad Shah Massoud, young Ahmad Massoud holds the sole flame of resistance in the Panjshir Valley. The leader of the Resistance against the Taliban regime, Massoud continuously calls for international support but has yet to receive help.



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KURDISTAN

Numbering 30-40 million, the Kurds are the world's largest stateless nation and are divided between Turkey, Iraq, Syria and Iran. Often terrorizing and repressing the Kurds, these countries will not sacrifice an inch of territory to create a Kurdish state.

When ISIS extended its Caliphate throughout Syria and Iraq, the Kurds led the fight, with their Western allies, to extinguish this terrorism, horror and chaos. But when Erdogan invaded their small autonomous region in Syria, the international community left them in the dust and at the mercy of powerful and hostile neighbors.

Now the Kurds of Iraq and of Syria continue to combat and suppress dangerous flare-ups from ISIS – which has not disappeared - and are alone in this battle against extremism.



UKRAINE

Since 2014 and Ukraine's Maidan revolution, Donbas (an important mining region of eastern Ukraine) has fallen prey to an armed conflict between pro-Russian separatists in the pay of Putin and the Ukrainian army. This under-the-radar war has claimed over 13,000 victims already and is quickly degenerating into open warfare.





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By Bernard-Henri Lévy
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Ahmad Massoud in Panjshir province, September 2020.
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Ahmad Massoud: "Wir geben den Kampf nicht auf. Unser Widerstand gegen die Taliban hat erst begonnen"

Im Pandschir-Tal sammelt der Sohn des Nationalhelden Ahmad Shah Massud Kampfwillige um sich, zum Widerstand gegen die Taliban. Im exklusiven Interview mit Bernard-Henri Lévy sprach er über Verhandlungen mit den Taliban, amerikanische Waffen und warum die Welt nun helfen muss.

Von Bernard-Henri Lévy

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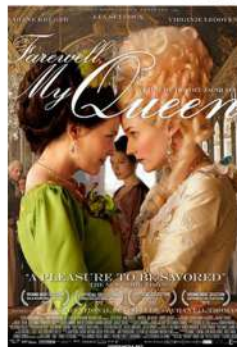
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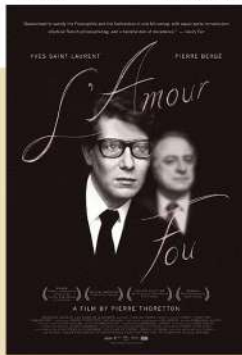
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