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SOUTHERN SHUNEH, Jordan (AP) - U.S. Senator John McCain says now that NATO military intervention in Libya is ending, military action to protect civilians in Syria might be considered.

However, the U.S. administration has made clear it has no appetite for military intervention in Syria _ a close ally of Iran that sits on Israel's border.

Speaking at the World Economic Forum in Jordan Sunday, the Republican senator said like Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, Syrian President Bashar Assad is committing "mass murder" against his people and warned he will not get away with it. McCain said the Assad regime has "spilled too much blood" and its days are numbered.

He also said Iran was trying to "hijack" the Arab Spring.

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