

Mission #3: Surgically Removed

Airfield Strike (Libya)

SITUATION: Libyan Aircraft, flying low and fast, launched a salvo of cruise missiles from extreme range at the CVBG. At such range, most missiles flew wide of the battle group. Of those that acquired targets, only one got through the point defense systems to hit a Spruance-class Destroyer. It did significant damage and inflicted many casualties. The ship is returning to Naples for emergency repairs. The attacking aircraft escaped. While operating close in-shore, the Battle Group continues to be susceptible to this form of attack. Preemptive action is called for in defense of the Battle Group.

MISSION: Your submarine is to take part in a surgical strike to take out airfields near Benghazi. Proceed to the specified coordinates and launch Tomahawk at the Libyan airfields in a coordinated missile attack. A launch window is specified in an intel briefing.

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FROM CTF 69
TO [ship name]

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SUBJ/LAUNCH INSTRUCTIONS//

RMKS/1. TARGET COORDINATES LAT 30-54N, 020-35E. LAUNCH POSITION IS WITHIN FIVE NM OF 31-47N, 018-55E.

2. TOMAHAWK SORTIES ARE TO BE LAUNCHED WITHIN THE TEN MINUTE WINDOW COMMENCING AT 1900.

3. SAM SITES BELIEVED TO BE OPERATIONAL AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS. USE WAYPOINTS TO FLY MISSILES CLEAR OF THESE SITES.

- A. 32-03N, 020-15E
- B. 31-54N, 020-05E
- C. 31-43N, 020-12E
- D. 31-34N, 020-06E
- E. 31-25N, 020-20E
- F. 31-15N, 020-15E

G. 31-05N, 020-17E

H. 30-48N, 020-13E

4. SURFACE COMBATANTS PATROLLING THE GULF OF SIDRA CAN BE EXPECTED TO REACT TO LAUNCH. THESE UNITS DO NOT HAVE TO BE ENGAGED UNLESS IT IS NECESSARY FOR SELF-DEFENSE. ASW-CAPABLE LAND-BASED AIR ROUTINELY OPERATES IN THE VICINITY OF THE LAUNCH POINT.//

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SUBJ/MISSION ASSIGNMENT//

RMKS/1. AREA ASSIGNMENT. OPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS SOUTH OF LAT 32-30N.

2. MISSION. CONDUCT COORDINATED STRIKE ON AIRFIELD LOCATED 30-54N,020-35E.

3. COMMAND. CTF 69 HAS OPERATIONAL CONTROL.

4. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. PEACETIME ROE APPLY UNTIL STRIKE IS LAUNCHED. USE OF WEAPONS AUTHORIZED IN SELF-DEFENSE FOLLOWING STRIKE LAUNCH.

5. OTHER. AIRFIELD TARGET IS THE BASE FOR AIRCRAFT THAT CONDUCTED AN ATTACK ON A US BATTLE GROUP. THE NATIONAL COMMAND AUTHORITY HAS AUTHORIZED THIS SURGICAL STRIKE IN RETALIATION FOR AN UNPROVOKED HOSTILE ACT. LAUNCH INSTRUCTIONS TO BE PROVIDED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.//

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RMKS/

1. ADD 2ND AIRPORT TO TARGET LIST. REASSIGN 4 TOMAHAWKS TO AIRPORT
AT 31-19N, 020-41E//

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OOB:

US Forces: 1x 688i Class Submarine

OPFOR:

1x Grisha Class Corvette

1x Krivak class frigate

1x Koni Class frigate

2x Il-38 Mays airborne at a time

2x Target airbases.

Biologics are a must, up to the builder for specifics.