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(U) A French official said the jets could strike Libyan tanks to ensure Qadhafi's forces could not take action there, media report. Italian planes have started a surveillance mission over Libya.

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