



No-Fly Zone Over Libya: Suggested Reading

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UN Security Council Resolution 1973 adopted on 17 March 2011, established, among other things, a no-fly zone over Libya.

This note provides a list of suggested reading material on the arguments for and against the establishment of a no fly zone over Libya and its likelihood of success.

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1 Background Material – Previous No Fly Zones

- Library Standard Note, SN/IA/1981, [No Fly Zones over Iraq](#), last updated 13 March 2003
- [UN Security Council Resolution 816](#), March 1993 authorising the use of all necessary measures to enforce the UN-mandated no fly zone over Bosnia.
- [Military Technical Agreement between KFOR and the Governments of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Serbia](#), June 1999

2 Arguments for and Against a No Fly Zone over Libya

2.1 Parliamentary Material

- [House of Lords debate on Libya](#), 1 April 2011
- [House of Commons debate on UN Security Council Resolution 1973](#), 21 March 2011

2.2 Think Tanks /Non Governmental Organisations

- Professor Michael Clarke. [“The dangers of leaving Libya to languish”](#), *RUSI Commentary*, 31 March 2011
- Congressional Research Service, [Operation Odyssey Dawn \(Libya\): background and issues for Congress](#), 28 March 2011
- [“Libya: direct military hits, unclear political targets”](#), *Strategic Comments*, March 2011
- Benoit Gomis, [“Franco-British leadership in Libya: prepared for the long run?”](#), *Chatham House: Expert Comment*, 23 March 2011
- Professor Michael Clarke, [“Raising the stakes”](#), *RUSI Commentary*, 21 March 2011

- [“Do something’ is not a strategy”](#), *RUSI Commentary*, March 2011
- [“The feasible option for Libya”](#), *RUSI Commentary*, March 2011
- [“Arguments for a no fly zone”](#), *RUSI Commentary*, March 2011
- [“Arguments against a no fly zone over Libya”](#), *RUSI Commentary*, March 2011
- [“What intervention looks like”](#), *Foreign Affairs*, 16 March 2011
- [Selected options and costs for a no-fly zone over Libya](#), Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, March 2011
- [10 reasons to say no to Western intervention in Libya](#), Stop the War Coalition, 14 March 2011
- Richard Haass, [“The United States should keep out of Libya”](#), Council on Foreign Relations, 8 March 2011

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- Simon Jenkins, [“By merely bolstering the weaker side, we are prolonging Libya’s civil war”](#), *The Guardian*, 31 March 2011
- [“Winning ugly in Libya”](#), *Foreign Affairs*, 30 March 2011
- [“The folly of protection”](#), *Foreign Affairs*, 21 March 2011
- [“Green light for Libya air strikes”](#), *The Financial Times*, 18 March 2011
- [“Debating the pros and cons of a no-fly zone”](#), *Jane’s Defence Weekly*, 16 March 2011
- [“Former UK air chief wary of Libya air strikes”](#), *EU Observer*, 16 March 2011
- [“No fly zone over Libya: the pros and cons”](#), *E News 24*, March 2011
- Paddy Ashdown, [“It is time for Europe to back a no-fly zone”](#), *The Financial Times*, 13 March 2011
- [“The case for a no fly zone”](#), *New York Times*, 10 March 2011
- [“Libya: Britain should think ‘long and hard’ over new military action”](#), *The Daily Telegraph*, 10 March 2011
- [“What are the pros and cons of a no-fly zone over Libya?”](#), *Christian Science Monitor*, 9 March 2011
- Simon Jenkins, [“No fly zone is a euphemism for war. We’d be mad to try it”](#), *The Guardian*, 9 March 2011

- [“Libya no-fly zone would stretch resources: experts”](#), *Agence France Presse*, 8 March 2011
- [“US Ambassador to NATO: No-fly zone wouldn't help much”](#), *Foreign Policy*, 7 March 2011
- Geoffrey Robertson QC, [“Using force to stop slaughter is lawful”](#), *The Independent*, 5 March 2011
- [“Do No-Fly Zones work?”](#), *Foreign Policy*, 28 February 2011