

U.S. gunships mark change in Libya tactics

In a dramatic and significant escalation of the assault on Muammar Gaddafi's forces, the U.S. has deployed low-flying, heavily-armed aircraft to attack Libyan armour in built-up areas without risk to civilians

AC-130H Spectre – Crew: 14
Built by Lockheed/Boeing

Aircraft circles target anti-clockwise,
carries up to 10 tonnes of ammunition

Black Crow
radio sensor

Laser
target
designator

Beacon tracking radar

Searchlight

**Twin 20mm
Vulcan cannon**
(6,600 rounds/min)

**7.62mm
Miniguns**
(3,000 rounds/min)

40mm Bofors cannon
(100 rounds/min)

**105mm
howitzer**

