

# NATO attack helicopters being sent to Libya

France is to deploy a dozen attack helicopters to Libya, including the heavily-armed *Eurocopter Tiger* – a move that would allow their pilots more precision but also expose them to greater risk. Britain is yet to decide on sending *Apache* gunships to assist the NATO-led campaign

## EUROCOPTER TIGER (EC 665)

Co-developed by France and Germany

Night vision and targeting sensors

Carbon fibre and Kevlar fuselage can withstand 23mm cannon fire

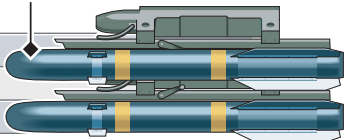
Armour-plated engines

**Armament:** 30mm chin-mounted gun, plus rockets or twin 20mm cannon pods

### Main weapon

Eight (16 on Apache) laser-guided *Hellfire* anti-tank missiles

	Tiger	Apache
Top speed	315km/h	365km/h
Range	800km	480km
Length	15.8m	17.7m



## APACHE AH1

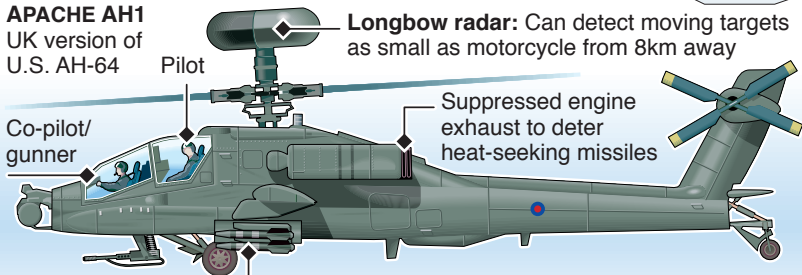
UK version of U.S. AH-64

Pilot

Co-pilot/gunner

**Longbow radar:** Can detect moving targets as small as motorcycle from 8km away

Suppressed engine exhaust to deter heat-seeking missiles



**Armament:** Crew can use rockets or 30mm cannon to target individuals, including snipers and commanders