

# *Italy Considering Possible Military Intervention in Libya*

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Rome, February 17 (RHC)-- Italy says it may ponder military action in Libya after the release of a recent video of mass beheading by ISIL Takfiris in the North African country showed that militants are closer than ever to the Italian shores.

The President of Italian Senate Defense Commission Nicola Latorre said Monday that if the current diplomatic efforts at the international level fail to establish security in Libya, Italy's military may ponder "measures of containment." However, the Italian lawmaker, who was speaking to the Associated Press, ruled out the possibility that Italy may become involved in a "war" on ISIL in the North African country.

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi also said Monday that his country will never engage in an operation without endorsement and cover by the United Nations. "The proposal is to wait, so the UN Security Council can work with a bit more conviction on Libya," Renzi told a private Italian TV.

Italian Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti recently said his country is ready to contribute up to 5,000 troops to a potential military operation in Libya.

ISIL's advance in Libya has caused huge concern in Italy as the country is the most exposed to the increasing threat of militants infiltrating the country in the form of illegal migrants.

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