Operational Status of Tripoli International Airport (as of 25 March 2011)

ANALYSIS: The operational status of the international airport in Tripoli, Libya was assessed from an analysis of satellite imagery collected on 22 and 25 March 2011. Although there are no visible damages to airport building facilities, flight traffic is currently closed because of multiple vehicle obstructions placed deliberately along the two runways between 22 and 25 March. A total of fifteen runway obstructions were identified, six along Runway 09/27, and nine along Runway 18/36. These obstructions appear to be composed of a range of airport vehicle types, possibly including baggage carts/containers, scissor-lifts, airplane tugs and stair trucks. All identified obstruction sites are marked on the map and four focus insets are provided to illustrate the range of vehicle types used. This was produced by UNITAR/UNOSAT in support of international humanitarian assistance to the people of Libya. The map is created to respond to the needs of UN agencies and their partners. It is intended to provide objective geographic information and has been designed for easy printing and readability for A4 and A3 prints. This is an initial assessment and has not yet been independently verified on the ground. Please send feedback to UNITAR / UNOSAT.

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