

# “Operation Libya”: US Marines on Crete for Libyan deployment

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Around 400 US Marines were dispatched on Thursday to a US base on the Greek Island of Crete ahead of their deployment on warships off Libya, a US military spokesman said.

Earlier this week, the USS Kearsage and the USS Ponce steamed into the Mediterranean via the Suez Canal en route to Libya.

The Kearsage amphibious assault ship, with about 800 marines, a fleet of helicopters and medical facilities on board, could support humanitarian efforts as well as military operations.

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