

Italian Air Force's Counter-UAS Capability Carries Out First Operational Deployment To Qatar



An Italian Air Force Rifleman with a C-UAS system in Qatar. (All images: Italian MOD)

The Italian Air Force anti-drone system was released to support the Qatari Armed Forces throughout a sport occasion.

From Nov. 23 to Dec. 20, 2021, the Italian Air Force released a Counter-Unmanned Aerial Anti-drone System (C-UAS) Task Group, to Qatar, to support the regional militaries throughout the FIFA Arab Cup 2021 competitors.

The Task Group, reported straight to the Italian National Contingent Command AIR (IT NCC Air)/Task Force Kuwait, supporting OIR (Operation Inherent Resolve), the international project versus Daesh in Iraq and Syria, as part of “Prima Parthica”, as the Italian Armed Forces operation is called at nationwide level.

The function of the C-UAS element, was to offer the defense versus the danger presented by the so-called “mini and micro drones”, really little from another location piloted airplane that can be released alone or in groups (making response by the air defense system harder) to fly over delicate or prohibited locations such as military setups or occasions places at low elevation. Little drones can likewise bring warheads and can be utilized to introduce attacks on practical targets and people.

The Italian Air Force ACUS system was released to secure the FIFA Arab Cup 2021

In Qatar, the Italian Air Force released the repaired anti-drone system” ACUS”(AMI Counter UAS) together with portable jammer systems. In general, about 30 armed force are utilized in the Task Group, consisting of Air Riflemen of the 16 ° Stormo(Wing)” Forces Protection” and operators of the Force Protection sector coming from the 4th, 6th and 32 nd Wings. While particular information of the ACUS system are not readily available, usually speaking, presently readily available counterdrone(C-UAS) systems offer early detection, analysis and recognition, informing and termination of the threatening drones by ways of portable or extremely mobile options(despite the fact that there are likewise C-UAS systems in repaired setup). The drone is normally disabled by methods of EW(Electronic Warfare), by interfering with several RF frequency bands all at once rejecting radio signals from the controller, making Live Video Feed and GPS signal not available to the remote operator.

Surveillance after dark.

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The antennas of the ACUS system.

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The IT NCC Air was developed on Oct.17,2014 Presently commanded by Col. Antonio Vivolo, the system makes sure merged command and logistical assistance for the synergistic and collaborated usage of the Italian Air Force properties released in assistance of OIR in addition to the Italian Army SAMP/T released to Alì Al Salem, Kuwait, to improve the defense of the Kuwaiti airspace and offer a security structure for the Italian and host country’s contingents. The Italian Air Force fleet supporting OIR consists of the Eurofighter Typhoon and Predator possessions charged with ISR(Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance) objectives and KC-767 A tankers supplying AAR(Air-to-Air Refueling) assistance to the Coalition properties.



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