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### **Saab's Modular Reconnaissance Pod System captures Libya**

**For the Swedish contribution to the ongoing Operation 'Unified Protector' over Libya, the reconnaissance capacity provided by Saab's Modular Reconnaissance Pod System, plays a key role.**

Sweden is contributing with flight operations to Libya in order to maintain the no-fly zone in accordance with the decision taken by the UN Security Council.

The main assignment is tactical aerial reconnaissance, where the capacity of the modular reconnaissance pod system on the Gripen fighter plays a key role. So far more than 80.000 high resolution photos have been captured and, according to the Swedish Armed Forces, overlapping picture are even being used to create digital 3D images.

With Saab's Modular Reconnaissance Pod System, high-performance fighter aircraft can benefit from enhanced reconnaissance capabilities. The system has a 360 degree rotating window section, maximum flexibility when selecting the sensor suite, including both electro-optical as well as synthetic-aperture radar sensors and both day and night capability. The special design of the pod's strong back structure supports the highest image resolution even during challenging flight conditions.

Features include the ability to capture high quality images from medium to high altitudes at high speeds, near real-time high-quality imaging and pre-evaluation of captured imagery whilst the aircraft is still airborne. It has a dual mode system; automatic and manual. The modular design supports future technology insertion thus providing for functional growth.

Saab was contracted by FMV, (Swedish Defence Material Organisation), late in December 2001 for the development and supply of reconnaissance pods for the Swedish Gripen fighter. The system made it's first flight in 2005. Last year Saab received an order from FMV for further development of the system, comprising night mission capability and improved pilot interface.

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