



30° NAVAL GROUP

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The 30th Naval Group Comes to Abu Dhabi

On Sunday, 01th December at 12:00, the 30th Naval Group is holding a Press Conference on board the Aircraft Carrier Cavour to explain the purposes of its visit to Abu Dhabi introducing the mission “A Country on the Move”.

Beyond military training, humanitarian assistance, and the strengthening of the diplomatic relations with the regional countries and stakeholders, this visit will also be a chance to represent the excellence of Italian entrepreneurship on the occasion of the "Gulf Defense & Aerospace Exhibition Conference".

The aim of this visit is to emphasize the strong relations existing between the navies of Abu Dhabi and Italy since 1980's. Furthermore, this occasion presents an opportunity for both countries to exchange ideas and operative procedures in order to reinforce existing bilateral cooperation.

Rear Admiral Paolo Treu, the Naval Group Commander, will meet with various Abu Dhabi authorities to discuss ways to further foster bilateral relations, also concentrating on recent regional and international developments.

“Sponsors for these activities are Italian Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Economic Development, the Institute of Foreign Commerce, EXPO 2015, Fincantieri, Finmeccanica, Augusta Westland, SELEX ES, OTO Melara, WASS, MBDA, Telespazio, FederLegnoArredo, Elettronica SPA, Intermarine, Gruppo Beretta, C.A.B.I. Cattaneo, AVS Group, CIO Iveco – OTO Melara, Pirelli, MES - AID, Piaggio Aero, Blackshape, Sitael, Mermec” explains Rear Admiral Treu.

Background Information

The 30th Naval Group is composed of the following Italian Ships:

- ✓ Aircraft Carrier “Cavour”, Flagship;
- ✓ Command and Logistic Support Unit “Etna”;
- ✓ Frigate “Bergamini”;
- ✓ Offshore Patrol Vessel “Borsini”.

Commanded by Rear Admiral Paolo Treu, the 30th Naval Group set sail from Italy on the 13th of November and has been sailing towards the Arabic Gulf for almost one month.

The four ships Cavour, Etna, Bergamini and Borsini are respectively under the command of Captain Francesco Milazzo, Captain Martino Baldari, Commander Marco Casapieri and Commander Valerio Cirillo.

After leaving Kuwait, the 30th Naval Group will end its first venture in the Arabic Gulf by visiting the ports of Muscat in Oman and Dubai in the UAE.

Following these visits, in January the Naval group will begin the circumnavigation of the African continent to provide humanitarian aid, military training and “Made in Italy” awareness also in Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, South Africa, Angola, Congo, Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, Morocco, and Algeria.