



AFRICA/LIBYA - "I am amazed by the indifference of NATO and Europe to the proposal of a truce for Ramadan", says Mgr. Martinelli

Tripoli (Fides Service) - "Bombs keep falling. But at least a new 'humanitarian strategy' has been adopted to try to avoid victims among civilians " says His Exc. Mgr. Giovanni Innocenzo Martinelli, Apostolic Vicar of Tripoli to Fides. "Before bombing a certain area – explains Mgr. Martinelli - NATO disseminates the area with leaflets to warn people that in the coming days, the area will be bombed. People are obviously annoyed because they clearly have to leave the house and find temporary accommodation. But at least there is the concern to avoid innocent victims".

The Apostolic Vicar of Tripoli adds that " last week there was a very violent bombing in the Tajura area , with more than 30 bombs that hit the area. I cannot understand why this area has been affected in such a violent manner, but it is certain that bombing continues with the hope of hitting the leader ".

"The bombs continue to fall and it has already been announced that they will not be a truce for Ramadan, which begins at the end of the month" says the Apostolic Vicar of Tripoli. "What amazes me is the indifference of NATO and Europe to the proposed ceasefire for Ramadan. For all the Libyans (for or against Gaddafi) Ramadan is a sacred period, and is a sentiment that should be respected", concludes Mgr . Martinelli. (L.M.) (Agenzia Fides 07/21/2011)