

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



**ARPAIO SAYS OPERATION DESERT SKY NETS OVER
ONE HUNDRED ARRESTS AND A TON OF MARIJUANA
WITHIN HOURS OF
OPERATION'S START**

**Activist Group May Petition President
Obama To Stop Air Posse Patrol**

(Phoenix, AZ.) Published reports say The National Day Laborer Organizing Network, a nationally known activist group, may call on President Barack Obama soon to intervene in Sheriff Joe Arpaio's OPERATION DESERT SKY, asking the President to ground the Sheriff's air posse patrol.

The volunteer air posse has been mobilized by Arpaio to fly over Maricopa County to better and more easily spot drug traffickers, illegal immigrants and human smugglers coming into the county as part of Operation Desert Sky.

Arpaio says the group's request is 'silly' as activists are trying to convince the President to treat the area like a 'Libyan no fly zone.'

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OPERATION DESERT SKY began only days ago, Arpaio says, and has already netted 115 arrests, 80 of whom are suspected illegal aliens. Also 2200 pounds of marijuana have been seized from drug trafficking illegal aliens either backpacking or driving on back roads through the southern county deserts.

In addition to the 80 illegal aliens netted by the Sheriff's operation thus far, 35 U.S. citizens were also arrested. Notable in those arrests was one suspect wanted for child abuse and another wanted for aggravated assault on a police officer. END

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