



# NATO and Libya



## Operational Media Update for 08 MAY

**09 May.** JFC Naples, SHAPE, NATO HQ

### Mission

NATO took control of all military operations for Libya under United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1970 & 1973 on 31 March 2011. The aim of Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR is to protect civilians and civilian-populated areas under attack or threat of attack.

The mission consists of three elements: an arms embargo, a no-fly-zone and actions to protect civilians from attack or the threat of attack.

Over the past 24 hours, NATO has conducted the following activities associated with Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR:

### Air Operations

Since the beginning of the NATO operation (31 March 2011, 08.00GMT) a total of **5822** sorties, including **2326** strike sorties\* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 08 May: **159**

Strike sorties conducted 08 May: **64**

*\*Strike sorties are intended to identify and engage appropriate targets, but do not necessarily deploy munitions each time.*

### Key Targets hit

08 May: In the vicinity of **Zintan**: **4** Ammunition Storages. In the vicinity of **Ajdabiyah**: **1** Command & Control Node. In the vicinity of **Misurata**: **5** Rocket Launchers, **1** Self-Propelled Artillery Piece, **1** Truck-Mounted Gun, **3** Buildings hosting active shooters. In the vicinity of **Hun**: **26** Ammunition Storages, **16** Vehicle Storages. In the vicinity of **Brega**: **8** Military Vehicles. In the vicinity of **Al-Aziziyah**: **2** Ammunition Storages. In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **2** Military Operational Facilities.

### Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **20** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

**12** Vessels were hailed on 08 May to determine destination and cargo. **0** boarding (no diversions) were conducted.

A total of **864** vessels have been hailed, **34** boardings and **5** diversions have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

### International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements\*\*\*: **168** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 08 May: **0**

Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 08 May: **4**

*\*\*\*Some humanitarian movements cover several days.*

### Command and Control

NATO's operational commander for Operation Unified Protector is **Lieutenant-General Charles Bouchard** of the Canadian Air Force. His office and staff is located at the Joint Force Command in Naples.

### More information on Operation Unified Protector

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