



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update for 15 JUNE

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(more information: www.jfcnaples.nato.int)

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 **11241** sorties, including **4256** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 15 JUNE: **134**

Strike sorties conducted 15 JUNE: **44**

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

Key Hits

15 JUNE: In **Tripoli:** 1 Vehicle storage area, 1 Command and Control Node. In the vicinity of **Tripoli:** 1 Command and Control Node. In the vicinity of **Zuwarah:** 1 Anti Aircraft Gun. In the vicinity of **Zintan:** 2 Anti Aircraft Guns, 1 Tank, 1 Technical vehicle, 1 lightweight weapon. In the vicinity of **Waddan:** 1 Ammunition Storage Facility. In the vicinity of **Misratah:** 2 Rocket Launchers, 1 Anti Aircraft Gun.

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **19** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

25 Vessels were hailed on 15 JUNE to determine destination and cargo. **1** boardings (no denials) were conducted.

A total of **1369** vessels have been hailed, **96** boardings and **8** denials have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements***: **362** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 15 JUNE: **3**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 15 JUNE: **3**

****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 Allied Joint Force Command Naples.

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