



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update For 04 JULY

05 July. Allied Joint Force Command NAPLES, SHAPE, NATO HQ
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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 **13,873** sorties, including **5,229** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 04 JULY: **145**

Strike sorties conducted 04 JULY: **59**

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

Key Hits

04 JULY: In **Tripoli:** **1** Command and Control Center. In the vicinity of **Brega:** **1** Tank, **1** Artillery piece. In **Brega:** **1** Military Storage Facility. In the vicinity of **Waddan:** **1** Military Storage Facility. In the vicinity of **Misurata:** **1** Tank. In the vicinity of **Nalut:** **1** Military Camp. In the vicinity of **Zintan:** **2** Armed Vehicles, **1** Armoured Fighting Vehicle. In the vicinity of **Zlitan:** **1** Armed Vehicle. In the vicinity of **Sirt:** **2** Armoured Fighting Vehicles.

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **17** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

14 Vessels were hailed on 04 JULY to determine destination and cargo. **3** boardings (**no** denials) were conducted.

A total of **1638** vessels have been hailed, **145** boardings and **9** denials have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements**: **448** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 04 JULY: **1**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 04 JULY: **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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