



# NATO and Libya

## Operational Media Update

### For 19 AUGUST



**20 August.** Allied Joint Force Command NAPLES, SHAPE, NATO HQ  
(more information: [www.jfcnaples.nato.int](http://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, 06.00GMT) a total of **19,646** sorties, including **7, 423** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 19 AUGUST: **130**  
Strike sorties conducted 19 AUGUST:**26**

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

#### **Key Hits 19 AUGUST:**

In the vicinity of **Az Zawiyah**: **1** Artillery Piece.

In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **9** Military Facility, **3** Radars, **1** Radar Guided Anti Aircraft Weapon System, **1** Tank.

In the vicinity of **Zlitan**: **1** Military Logistic Vehicle, **1** Tank.

#### **Arms Embargo Activities**

A total of **15** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

**15** Vessels were hailed on 19 AUGUST to determine destination and cargo. **2** boarding's (**no** denials) were conducted.

A total of **2258** vessels have been hailed, **227** boarding's 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<sup>\*\*</sup>:**813** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 18 AUGUST: **3**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 18 AUGUST: **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 Allied Joint Force Command Naples.

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