



NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update

For 3 SEPTEMBER



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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, 06.00GMT) a total of **21,429** sorties, including **8,046** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 03 SEPTEMBER: **107**

Strike sorties conducted 03 SEPTEMBER: **48**

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

Key Hits 03 SEPTEMBER:

In the vicinity of **Sirte**: **1** military barracks, **1** ammunition storage facility, **1** military police camp, **1** command and control node, **7** surface-to-air missile canisters, **1** surface-to-air missile system, **1** self-propelled artillery piece
in the vicinity of **Bani Walid**: **1** ammunition storage facility
in the vicinity of **Hun**: **1** command and control node, **4** anti aircraft guns
in the vicinity of **Buwayrat**: **1** command and control node, **6** armed vehicles, **2** military barracks, **3** military supply vehicles, **2** engineer support vehicles, **1** multiple rocket launcher.

Arms Embargo Activities

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

12 Vessels were hailed on 03 SEPTEMBER to determine destination and cargo. **2** boardings (**0** denied) were conducted.

A total of **2475** vessels have been hailed, **256** boardings and **11** denials have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements***927***: (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 03 SEPTEMBER: **2**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 03 SEPTEMBER: **9**

***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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