



NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update

For 23 SEPTEMBER



24 September. Allied Joint Force Command NAPLES, SHAPE, NATO HQ
(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

Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR air assets continue monitoring missions over Libya. Since the beginning of the NATO operation (31 March 2011, 06.00GMT) a total of **23,682** sorties, including **8,865** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 23 SEPTEMBER: **111**
Strike sorties conducted 23 SEPTEMBER: **36**

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

Key Hits 23 SEPTEMBER:

In the vicinity of **Sirte**: **1** Ammunition Storage Facility, **1** Anti Aircraft Gun, **1** Command and Control Node, **2** Armed Vehicles.

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **13** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

11 Vessels were hailed on 23 SEPTEMBER to determine destination and cargo. **0** boardings (**0** denied) were conducted.

A total of **2792** vessels have been hailed, **290** 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****1418**: (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 23 SEPTEMBER: **1**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 23 SEPTEMBER: **7**

***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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