



# NATO and Libya



## Operational Media Update

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### Mission

On March 27, NATO decided to take control over all military operations for Libya under United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1970 & 1973. 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 **1567** sorties and **643** strike sorties\* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 9 April: **133**

Strike sorties conducted 9 April: **56**

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

### Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **18** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

**33** Vessels were hailed on **9** April to determine destination and cargo. No boardings were conducted.

A total of **209** vessels have been hailed and **5** boardings have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

### Traffic Control Humanitarian Assistance

Total of Humanitarian Movements\*\*: **39** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 9 April: **5**

Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 9 April: **2**

\*\* 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 Joint Force Command in Naples.

### More information on Operation Unified Protector

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