17 April. JFC Naples, SHAPE, NATO HQ

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 2,626 sorties and 1,050 strike sorties* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 16 April: 144
Strike sorties conducted 16 April: 42

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

Key Targets and Engagements**
16 April: In the vicinity of Tripoli: Two ammunition bunkers destroyed, one Surface-to-air anti-aircraft site destroyed. In the vicinity of Misrata: One Armoured Personnel Carrier destroyed. In the vicinity of Sirte: Two tanks, two equipment transporters, one artillery piece, one tank transporter, four ammunition storage sites and one ammunition bunker destroyed. In the vicinity of Zintan: One ammunition storage site damaged.

**Key Engagements are not intended to give a complete account of all targets which were engaged.

Arms Embargo Activities
A total of 18 ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean. 20 Vessels were hailed on 17 April to determine destination and cargo. No boarding but one diversion was conducted.
A total of 362 vessels have been hailed, 9 boardings and 3 diversions have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO
Total of Humanitarian Movements***: 71 (air, ground, maritime)
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 16 April: 2 executed and 7 in execution.
Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 16 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 Allied Joint Force Command in Naples.

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