23 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 3,438 sorties and 1,432 strike sorties* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 22 April: 138
Strike sorties conducted 22 April: 59

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

Key Targets and Engagements**
22 April: In Tripoli: 2 command and control bunkers. In vicinity of Misurata: 3 tanks, 1 bunker, 1 early warning radar. 1 surface to air radar. In vicinity of Zintan: 2 tanks, 2 bunkers, buildings. In vicinity of Mizdah: 3 ammunition storage bunkers. In vicinity of Ras Lanuf: 1 tank, 1 armoured vehicle.

**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. 47 vessels were hailed on 22 April to determine destination and cargo. 1 boarding and 0 diversions were conducted.
A total of 571 vessels have been hailed, 14 boarded and 5 diverted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO
Total of Humanitarian Movements***: 110 (air, ground, maritime)
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 22 April: 1 executed, 10 in execution.
Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 22 April: 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 Joint Force Command in Naples.

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