



# NATO and Libya



## Operational Media Update for 25 April

**26 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 **3,858** sorties and **1,606** strike sorties\* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 25 April: **133**

Strike sorties conducted 25 April: **56**

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

### **Key Targets and Engagements\*\***

25 April: In vicinity of **Tripoli**: **1** Tank; **3** surface-to-air missile launchers; **3** infantry fighting vehicles; **1** rocket launcher; **1** vehicle depot. In vicinity of **Misurata**: **1** surface-to-air missile training facility. In vicinity of **Sirte**: **3** ammunition depots. In the vicinity of **Al-Khums**: **2** Tanks; **2** infantry fighting vehicles.

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

### **Arms Embargo Activities**

A total of **19** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

**30** Vessels were hailed on 25 April to determine destination and cargo. **3** boardings (**no diversion**) were conducted.

A total of **640** vessels have been hailed, **17** boardings and **5** diversions have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

### **International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO**

Total of Humanitarian Movements\*\*\*: **128** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 25 April: **2** executed and **6** in execution.

Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 25 April: **5**

\*\*\* 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.

### **More information on Operation Unified Protector**

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