NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update
for 30 April

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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
Since the beginning of the NATO operation (31 March 2011, 08.00GMT) a total of 4536 sorties, including 1864 strike sorties* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 30 April: 165
Strike sorties conducted 30 April: 43

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

Key Targets and Engagements**

**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.
14 Vessels were hailed on 30 April to determine destination and cargo. 2 boarding (no diversion) were conducted.
A total of 740 vessels have been hailed, 24 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***: 151 (air, ground, maritime)
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 30 April: 2
Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 30 April: 0

***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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