06 May. JFC Naples, SHAPE, NATO HQ

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 5361 sorties, including 2148 strike sorties* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 05 May: 154
Strike sorties conducted 05 May: 57

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

Key Targets hit
05 May: In the vicinity of Zintan: 9 Ammunition Storages, 3 Tanks, 2 Armoured Fighting Vehicles, 2 Rocket Launchers, 2 Truck-Mounted Guns, 1 Resupply Facility. In the vicinity of Sirte: 8 Ammunition Storages. In the vicinity of Brega: 3 Rocket Launchers. In the vicinity of Misurata: 1 Tank. In the vicinity of Ras Lanuf: 1 Communications Facility.

Arms Embargo Activities
A total of 20 ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean. 23 Vessels were hailed on 05 May to determine destination and cargo. 1 boarding (no diversion) was conducted. A total of 824 vessels have been hailed, 31 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***: 161 (air, ground, maritime)
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 05 May: 3
Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 05 May: 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.

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