



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update for 26 MAY

27 May. Allied Joint Force Command NAPLES, SHAPE, NATO HQ
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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 **8444** sorties, including **3229** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 26 May: **140**

Strike sorties conducted 26 May: **54**

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

Key Hits

26 May: In **Tripoli:** **1** Armoured Vehicle Storage Facility. In the vicinity of **Tripoli:** **1** Surface-To-Air Missile Storage Facility, **2** Command & Control Nodes. In the vicinity of **Sirte:** **1** Ammunition Storage Facility, **1** Command & Control Node. In the vicinity of **Zuwarah:** **1** Ammunition Storage and **4** Aircrafts in an Airfield. In the vicinity of **Misratah:** **1** Rocket Launcher, **3** Self-Propelled Artillery Pieces, **1** Truck-Mounted Gun. In the vicinity of **Al Khums:** **1** Surface-To-Air Missile Launcher. In the vicinity of **Hun:** **1** Ammunition Storage Facility.

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **21** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

10 Vessels were hailed on 26 May to determine destination and cargo. **3** boardings (**no** diversion) were conducted.

A total of **1060** vessels have been hailed. **56** boardings and **7** diversions have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements***: **267** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 26 May: **5**

Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 26 May: **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 Naples.

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