NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update
for 01 JUNE

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 9332 sorties, including 3521 strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 01 JUNE: 149
Strike sorties conducted 01 JUNE: 32

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

Key Hits
01 JUNE: In the vicinity of Tripoli: 1 Vehicle Storage Facility, 1 Surface-To-Air Missile Launcher. In the vicinity of Mizdah: 1 Ammunition Storage Facility. In the vicinity of Hun: 1 Ammunition Storage Facility, 1 Fire Control Radar.

Arms Embargo Activities
A total of 17 ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.
12 Vessels were hailed on 01 JUNE to determine destination and cargo. 4 boardings and 1 denial were conducted.
A total of 1131 vessels have been hailed. 67 boardings and 8 denials have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO
Total of Humanitarian Movements**: 306 (air, ground, maritime)
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 01 JUNE: 5
Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 01 JUNE: 3

**: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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