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 9504 sorties, including 3584 strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 02 JUNE: 172
Strike sorties conducted 02 JUNE: 63

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

Key Hits
02 JUNE: In Tripoli: 1 Vehicle Storage Facility. In the vicinity of Tripoli: 4 Surface-To-Air Missile Launchers, 4 Armoured Personnel Carriers. In the vicinity of Mizdah: 1 Ammunition Storage Facility, 1 Tank, 2 Armoured Personnel Carriers. In the vicinity of Hun: 1 Ammunition Storage Facility. In the vicinity of Qaryat: 1 Ammunition Storage Facility. In the vicinity of Sirte: 2 Armoured Fighting Vehicles. In Brega: 1 Command & Control Node. In the vicinity of Brega: 1 Radar.

Arms Embargo Activities
A total of 17 ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.
12 Vessels were hailed on 02 JUNE to determine destination and cargo. 1 boarding (no denial) was conducted.
A total of 1143 vessels have been hailed. 68 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***: 310 (air, ground, maritime)
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 02 JUNE: 3
Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 02 JUNE: 1

***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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