



# NATO and Libya



## Operational Media Update for 20 JUNE

**21 June.** Allied Joint Force Command NAPLES, SHAPE, NATO HQ  
(more information: [www.jfcnaples.nato.int](http://www.jfcnaples.nato.int))

### 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 **11930** sorties, including **4521** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 20 JUNE: **149**

Strike sorties conducted 20 JUNE: **52**

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

### Key Hits

**20 JUNE:** In the vicinity of **Tripoli:** **1** Command & Control Node, **8** Surface-To-Air Missile Launchers, **1** Surface-To-Air Missile Transport Vehicle. In the vicinity of **Misratah:** **3** Truck-Mounted Guns, **2** Self-Propelled Anti-Aircraft Guns, **1** Tank. In the vicinity of **Tarhunah:** **1** Military Equipment Storage Facility. In the vicinity of **Al-Khums:** **1** Military Vehicle Storage Facility. In the vicinity of **Zintan:** **1** Rocket Launcher.

### Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **20** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

**13** Vessels were hailed on 20 JUNE to determine destination and cargo. **1** boarding (no denial) was conducted.

A total of **1452** vessels have been hailed, **106** 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\*\*\*: **386** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 20 JUNE: **3**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 20 JUNE: **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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