NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update for 23 JUNE

24 June. Allied Joint Force Command NAPLES, SHAPE, NATO HQ
(more information: 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 12347 sorties, including 4660 strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 23 JUNE: 149
Strike sorties conducted 23 JUNE: 47

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

Key Hits
23 JUNE: In Tripoli: 1 Tank. In the vicinity of Tripoli: 1 Radar, 1 Military Equipment Storage Facility, 9 Self Propelled Artillery Pieces, 1 Anti Aircraft Missile Transportation Loader Truck. In the vicinity of Zlitan: 1 Artillery Piece. In the vicinity of Zintan: 2 Rocket Launchers, 1 Anti Aircraft Missile Launcher, 3 Self Propelled Artillery Pieces.

Arms Embargo Activities
A total of 20 ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean. 17 Vessels were hailed on 23 JUNE to determine destination and cargo. 3 boardings (no denials) were conducted.
A total of 1503 vessels have been hailed, 117 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***: 405 (air, ground, maritime)
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 22 JUNE: 2
Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 22 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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