



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update for 28 JUNE

29 June. 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 **13,035** sorties, including **4,908** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 28 JUNE: **148**

Strike sorties conducted 28 JUNE: **58**

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

Key Hits

28 JUNE: In **Brega:** **2** Command and Control Nodes , **1** Command and Control Facility , **1** Armored Vehicle , **1** Artillery piece , **12** Armed Vehicles , **5** Armed Pick-Up Trucks , **3** Trucks , **3** Military Hangars. In the vicinity of **Zlitan:** **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher , **1** Mortar , **1** Armed Vehicle , **1** Command and Control Facility. In the vicinity of **Tripoli:** **1** Anti Aircraft Missile Launcher , **2** Radars. In **Gharyan:** **1** Military Compound.

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **17** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

10 Vessels were hailed on 28 JUNE to determine destination and cargo. **2** boardings (no denials) were conducted.

A total of **1556** vessels have been hailed, **129** 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***: **420** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 28 JUNE: **1**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 28 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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