



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update For 27 JULY

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(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, 06.00GMT) a total of **16,822** sorties, including **6,339** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 27 JULY: **133**

Strike sorties conducted 27 JULY: **54**

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

Key Hits 27 JULY:

In the vicinity of **Brega**: **3** Armed Military Vehicles, **2** Military Facility. **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher.

In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **2** Surface to Air Missile Launcher, **1** Surface to Air / Surface to Surface Missile Launcher, **3** Fire Control Radar.

In the vicinity of **Waddan**: **1** Ammunition Storage Facility.

In the vicinity of **Zlitan**: **1** Military Facility, **1** Ammunition Storage Facility, **2** Military Supply Vehicles.

In the vicinity of **Zintan**: **1** Self-Propelled Artillery Piece, **1** Anti-aircraft gun.

In the vicinity of **Nalut**: **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher.

Arms Embargo Activities

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

17 Vessels were hailed on 27 JULY to determine destination and cargo. **3** boardings (**no** denials) were conducted.

A total of **1973** vessels have been hailed, **192** boardings and **9** denials have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements**: **655** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 27 JULY: **1**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 27 JULY: **12**

***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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