



# NATO and Libya



## Operational Media Update For 17 AUGUST

**16 August.** 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, 06.00GMT) approximately **19,000** sorties, including **7,000** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Approximate sorties conducted 16 AUGUST: **100**  
Approximate strike sorties conducted 16 AUGUST: **50**

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

### Key Hits 16 AUGUST:

- 2 Military Storage Facilities
- 1 Anti-aircraft gun
- 5 Military Vehicles
- 2 Surface to Air missile trailers
- 1 Surface to Air missile launchers
- 1 Command and Control node

### Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **15** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

**13** Vessels were hailed on 16 AUGUST to determine destination and cargo. **No** boardings (**no** denials) were conducted.

Approximately of **2200** vessels have been hailed, **200** boardings and **10** denials have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

### International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements\*\*: **773** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 16 AUGUST: **0**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 16 AUGUST: **0**

*\*\*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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