



# NATO and Libya

## Operational Media Update

### For 26 AUGUST



**27 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) a total of **20,518** sorties, including **7,732** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 26 AUGUST: **123**  
Strike sorties conducted 26 AUGUST: **42**

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

#### Key Hits 26 AUGUST:

In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **2** Military Facilities, **1** Military Storage Facility, **1** Surface to Surface Missile Launcher.  
In the vicinity of **Sirte**: **1** Armoured Fighting Vehicle, **11** Armed Vehicles, **3** Logistic Military Vehicles, **1** Military Observation Point, **2** Military Shelters, **1** Military Engineer Asset.  
In the vicinity of **Ras Lanuf**: **2** Multiple Rocket Launchers.  
In the vicinity of **El Assah**: **1** Tank.  
In the vicinity of **Okba**: **1** Surface to Air Missile Transporter, **1** Radar.  
In the vicinity of **Al Aziziyah**: **1** Surface to Air Missile Launcher, **2** Radars.

#### Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **16** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.  
**25** Vessels were hailed on 26 AUGUST to determine destination and cargo. **1** boarding's ( **0** denied) were conducted.  
A total of **2376** vessels have been hailed, **239** boarding's and **11** denials have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

#### International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements\*\*: **848** (air, ground, maritime)  
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 26 AUGUST: **3**  
Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 26 AUGUST: **5**

*\*\*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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