27 August. 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, 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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