



# NATO and Libya

## Operational Media Update

### For 28 AUGUST



**29 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 **20,751** sorties, including **7, 806** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 28 AUGUST: **118**

Strike sorties conducted 28 AUGUST:**38**

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

#### **Key Hits 28 AUGUST:**

In the vicinity of **Waddan**: **2** Armed Vehicles, **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher, **1** Anti Aircraft Gun.

In the vicinity of **Sirte**: **4** Radars, **20** Surface to Air Missile Canisters, **3** Military Support Vehicles, **1** Antenna, **2** Surface to Air Missile Systems.

In the vicinity of **Ras Lanuf**: **5** Multiple Rocket Launchers, **1** Artillery Piece, **1** Armed Vehicle.

#### **Arms Embargo Activities**

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

**16** Vessels were hailed on 28 AUGUST to determine destination and cargo. **4** boarding's ( **0** denied) were conducted.

A total of **2414** vessels have been hailed, **244** 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\*\*:**864** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 28 AUGUST: **5**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 28 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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