



# NATO and Libya

## Operational Media Update

### For 29 AUGUST



**30 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 **20,871** sorties, including **7, 848** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 29 AUGUST: **120**

Strike sorties conducted 29 AUGUST:**42**

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

#### Key Hits 29 AUGUST:

In the vicinity of **Sirte**: **3** Command and Control Nodes, **4** Radars, **1** Surface to Air Missile System, **22** Armed Vehicles, **2** Military Supply Vehicles, **1** Command Post, **1** Anti Aircraft Missile System, **1** Military Facility.

In the vicinity of **Bani Walid**: **2** Command and Control Node, **1** Military Ammo Storage Facility.

In the vicinity of **Hun**: **5** Anti Aircraft Artillery, **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher, **1** Radar, **1** Anti Aircraft Gun.

#### Arms Embargo Activities

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

**12** Vessels were hailed on 29 AUGUST to determine destination and cargo. **2** boarding's ( **0** denied) were conducted.

A total of **2426** vessels have been hailed, **246** 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\*\*:**870** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 29 AUGUST: **0**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 29 AUGUST: **6**

*\*\*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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