



# NATO and Libya

## Operational Media Update

### For 31 AUGUST



**1 September.** 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 **21,090** sorties, including **7, 920** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 31 AUGUST: 110

Strike sorties conducted 31 AUGUST: 34

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

#### **Key Hits 31 AUGUST:**

In the vicinity of **Sirte**: **1** Command and Control Node, **5** Surface to Air Missile Transloaders, **1** Armed Vehicle, **1** Tank, **4** Surface to Air Missile Launchers, **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher.

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

In the vicinity of **Hun**: **1** Radar, **1** Military Support Vehicle.

#### **Arms Embargo Activities**

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

**8** Vessels were hailed on 31 AUGUST to determine destination and cargo. **2** boarding's ( **0** denied) were conducted.

A total of **2449** vessels have been hailed, **248** 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\***896**\*: (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 31 AUGUST: **2**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 31 AUGUST: **12**

*\*\*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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