**26 September.** 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 23,938 sorties, including 8,941 strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 25 SEPTEMBER: 104

Strike sorties conducted 25 SEPTEMBER: 42

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

**Key Hits 25 SEPTEMBER:**

In the vicinity of Sirte: 1 command and control node, 2 ammunition/vehicle storage facility, 1 radar facility, 1 multiple rocket launcher, 1 military support vehicle, 1 artillery piece, 1 ammunition storage facility.

**Arms Embargo Activities**

A total of 13 ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

15 vessels were hailed on 25 SEPTEMBER to determine destination and cargo. 0 boardings (0 denied) were conducted.

A total of 2823 vessels have been hailed, 292 boardings 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**1428**: (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 25 SEPTEMBER: 1

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 25 SEPTEMBER: 2

**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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