



NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update

For 17 OCTOBER



18 October. Allied Joint Force Command NAPLES, SHAPE, NATO HQ
(more information: 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

Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR air assets continue monitoring missions over Libya. Since the beginning of the NATO operation (31 March 2011, 06.00GMT) a total of **25,961** sorties, including **9,584** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 17 OCTOBER: **63**

Strike sorties conducted 17 OCTOBER: **16**

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

Key Hits 17 OCTOBER:

1 Command and Control Node comprising **9** military vehicles near to **Bani Walid**.

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **12** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

8 Vessels were hailed on 17 OCTOBER to determine destination and cargo. **0** boardings (**0** denied) were conducted.

A total of **3070** vessels have been hailed, **296** 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****2043**: (air, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 17 OCTOBER: **0**

Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 17 OCTOBER: **44**

***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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