



NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update

For 18 OCTOBER



19 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 **26,022** sorties, including **9,602** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 18 OCTOBER: **61**

Strike sorties conducted 18 OCTOBER: **18**

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

Key Hits 18 OCTOBER:

Nil.

Arms Embargo Activities

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

8 Vessels were hailed on 18 OCTOBER to determine destination and cargo. **0** boardings (**0** denied) were conducted.

A total of **3078** 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****2089**: (air, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 18 OCTOBER: **0**

Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 18 OCTOBER: **46**

***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.

For any operational query:

Naples Media and Information Center
Tel: +39 081 721 31 11
Duty Mob: (2200-0600hrs local / 2000-0400 GMT)
+39 355 78 32 489
Mail to: oup.media@gmail.com

Any other query:

NATO HQ Press Desk
Tel: +32 (0) 2 707 1010
Tel: +32 (0) 2 707 10 07
Mail to: moc@hq.nato.int