

NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update for 25 JUNE

26 June. 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

Since the beginning of the NATO operation (31 March 2011, 08.00GMT) a total of **12607** sorties, including **4748** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 25 JUNE: **123**Strike sorties conducted 25 JUNE: **45**

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

Key Hits

25 JUNE: In the vicinity of Brega: 2 Tanks , 1 Logistic Truck, 6 Technical Vehicles , 3 Military Shelters , 4 Military Compounds ,1 Antenna . In the vicinity of **Zintan**: 1 Armed Vehicle, 1 Technical Vehicle . In **Tripoli**: 1 Vehicle Storage Depot . In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: 4 Anti-Aircraft guns , 2 Surface-To-Air Missile Loader Vehicles , 2 Surface-To-Air Missile Transport Vehicle, 1 Radar Van , 1 Self-Propelled Anti- Aircraft gun .

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **20** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

8 Vessels were hailed on 25 JUNE to determine destination and cargo. **3** boardings (no denials) were conducted.

A total of **1516** vessels have been hailed, **122** boardings and **8** denials have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements***: **411** (air, ground, maritime) Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 25 JUNE: **1** Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 25 JUNE: **1**

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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^{***}Some humanitarian movements cover several days.