



NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update



31 October. Allied Joint Force Command NAPLES, SHAPE, NATO HQ

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 was to protect civilians and civilian-populated areas under attack or threat of attack.

The mission comprised of three elements: an arms embargo, a no-fly-zone and actions to protect civilians from attack or the threat of attack.

On 28 October 2011, after 211 days, the North Atlantic Council took the formal decision to end the operation at 2359 on the 31 October 2011, the operation will have lasted a total of 214 days.

NATO has fully complied with the historic mandate of the United Nations to protect the people of Libya, to enforce the no-fly zone and the arms embargo. Operation Unified Protector is one of the most successful in NATO history.

Air Operations

Since the beginning of the NATO operation (31 March 2011, 06.00GMT) a total of **26,530** sorties, including **9,710** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

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

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **3175** 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****2547**: (air, maritime)

Command and Control

NATO's operational commander for Operation Unified Protector was **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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