



NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update

For 21 SEPTEMBER



22 September. 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, 06.00GMT) a total of **23,474** sorties, including **8,795** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 21 SEPTEMBER: **124**
Strike sorties conducted 21 SEPTEMBER: **44**

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

Key Hits 21 SEPTEMBER:

In the vicinity of **Sirte**: **1** Command and Control Node, **5** Surface to Air Missile Systems.
In the vicinity of **Hun**: **4** Anti Aircraft Guns, **1** Vehicle Storage Depot.

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **14** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.
18 Vessels were hailed on 21 SEPTEMBER to determine destination and cargo. **0** boardings (**0** denied) were conducted.
A total of **2766** vessels have been hailed, **290** 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****1376**: (air, ground, maritime)
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 21 SEPTEMBER: **0**
Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 21 SEPTEMBER: **34**

***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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