NATO and Libya

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Mission
On March 27, NATO decided to take control over all military operations for Libya under United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1970 & 1973. 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 **1170** sorties and **473** strike sorties* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 6 April: **164**

Strike sorties conducted 6 April: **73**

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

Arms Embargo Activities
A total of **19** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.
20 Vessels were hailed on 6 April to determine destination and cargo. No boardings were conducted.
A total of **113** vessels have been hailed and **5** boardings have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

Traffic Control Humanitarian Assistance
Total of Humanitarian Movements: **25** (air, ground, maritime)
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 6 April: **2**
Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 6 April: **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 Joint Force Command in Naples.

More information on Operation Unified Protector
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