



# NATO and Libya

## Operational Media Update for 24 April



**25 April.** JFC Naples, SHAPE, NATO HQ

### 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 **3,725** sorties and **1,550** strike sorties\* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 24 April: **143**

Strike sorties conducted 24 April: **62**

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

### Key Targets and Engagements\*\*

24 April: In **Tripoli**: **1** communications headquarters. In vicinity of **Tripoli**: **1** ammunition storage, **1** ammunition bunker. In vicinity of **Misurata**: **1** tank, **1** ammunition storage. In vicinity of **Sirte**: **4** ammunition shelters, **4** ammunition bunkers. In vicinity of **Mizdah**: **1** tank, **4** rocket launchers. In vicinity of **Zintan**: **2** infantry fighting vehicles.

\*\*Key Engagements are not intended to give a complete account of all targets which were engaged.

### Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **19** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

**21** vessels were hailed on 24 April to determine destination and cargo. **0** boarding and **0** diversions were conducted.

A total of **610** vessels have been hailed, **14** boardings and **5** diversions have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

### International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements\*\*\*: **121** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 24 April: **4** executed, (**8** in execution)

Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 24 April: **2**

\*\*\*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 Joint Force Command in Naples.

### More information on Operation Unified Protector

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