



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update for 17 JUNE

18 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 **11526** sorties, including **4357** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 17 JUNE: **139**

Strike sorties conducted 17 JUNE: **50**

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

Key Hits

17 JUNE: In **Tripoli:** **2** Military Vehicle Storage Facilities. In the vicinity of **Tripoli:** **1** Armoured Vehicle Storage and Maintenance Facility, **3** Surface-To-Air Missile Loaders, **3** Self-Propelled Anti-Aircraft Guns. In the vicinity of **Misratah:** **1** Rocket Launcher, **3** Tanks, **1** Military Truck. In the vicinity of **Zintan:** **5** Truck-Mounted Guns, **2** Anti-Aircraft Guns.

Arms Embargo Activities

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

22 Vessels were hailed on 17 JUNE to determine destination and cargo. **No** boarding (no denial) was conducted.

A total of **1414** vessels have been hailed, **100** 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***: **371** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 17 JUNE: **1**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 17 JUNE: **4**

****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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