



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update for 23 JUNE

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(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 **12347** sorties, including **4660** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 23 JUNE: **149**

Strike sorties conducted 23 JUNE: **47**

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

Key Hits

23 JUNE: In **Tripoli:** **1** Tank . In the vicinity of **Tripoli:** **1** Radar , **1** Military Equipment Storage Facility , **9** Self Propelled Artillery Pieces , **1** Anti Aircraft Missile Transportation Loader Truck . In the vicinity of **Zlitan:** **1** Artillery Piece . In the vicinity of **Zintan:** **2** Rocket Launchers , **1** Anti Aircraft Missile Launcher , **3** Self Propelled Artillery Pieces .

Arms Embargo Activities

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

17 Vessels were hailed on 23 JUNE to determine destination and cargo. **3** boardings (no denials) were conducted.

A total of **1503** vessels have been hailed, **117** 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***: **405** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 22 JUNE: **2**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 22 JUNE: **3**

****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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