



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update for 29 JUNE

30 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 **13,184** sorties, including **4,963** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 29 JUNE: **149**

Strike sorties conducted 29 JUNE: **55**

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

Key Hits

29 JUNE: In **Brega:** **12** Military Vehicles, **1** Military Truck, **1** Armoured Personnel Carrier, **1** Ammunition Storage, **1** Military Compound, **1** Military Checkpoint. In the vicinity of **Misrata:** **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher, **5** Battle Tanks, **2** Artillery Pieces, **3** Military Vehicles. In the vicinity of **Tripoli:** **1** Self-propelled Anti Aircraft Gun, **1** Military Technical Vehicle, **2** Multiple Rocket Launchers, **1** Military Equipment Storage Facility. In the vicinity of **Gharyan:** **4** Battle Tanks, **1** Military Technical Vehicle, **1** Heavy Equipment Transport. In the vicinity of **Sirt:** **1** Battle Tank, **1** Military Technical Vehicle. In **Waddan:** **1** Ammunition Storage Facility. In the vicinity of **Nalut:** **1** Military Technical Vehicle.

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **17** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

12 Vessels were hailed on 29 JUNE to determine destination and cargo. **3** boardings (no denials) were conducted.

A total of **1568** vessels have been hailed, **132** 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***: **425** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 29 JUNE: **2**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 29 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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