



# NATO and Libya



## Operational Media Update For 31 JULY

**01 August.** Allied Joint Force Command NAPLES, SHAPE, NATO HQ  
(more information: [www.jfcnaples.nato.int](http://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, 06.00GMT) a total of **17,329** sorties, including **6,542** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 31 JULY: **126**  
Strike sorties conducted 31 JULY: **49**

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

### Key Hits 31 JULY:

In the vicinity of **Brega**: **1** Armed Military Vehicle, **6** Multiple Rocket Launchers.

In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **1** Military Facility.

In the vicinity of **Waddan**: **1** Ammunition Storage Facility.

In the vicinity of **Zlitan**: **3** Military Facilities, **2** Command and Control Note, **2** Ammunition Storage Facility, **1** Tank, **1** Anti Aircraft System, **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher, **1** Armed Military Vehicle.

In the vicinity of **Bir Al Ghanam**: **2** Command and Control Facilities, **1** Military Facility, **1** Ammunition Storage Facility.

In the vicinity of **Misrata**: **2** Military Vehicles.

### Arms Embargo Activities

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

**7** Vessels were hailed on 31 JULY to determine destination and cargo. **1** boarding (**no** denials) was conducted.

A total of **2025** vessels have been hailed, **200** boardings and **9** denials have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

### International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements\*\*: **696** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 31 JULY: **1**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 31 JULY: **8**

*\*\*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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