



NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update

For 17 AUGUST



18 August. 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, 06.00GMT) a total of **19,383** sorties, including **7, 349** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 17 AUGUST: **130**

Strike sorties conducted 17 AUGUST:**50**

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

Key Hits 17 AUGUST:

In the vicinity of **Brega**: **3** Rocket Launcher, **2** Tanks.

In the vicinity of **Az Zawiyah**: **2** Armed Vehicles, **1** Military Boat.

In the vicinity of **Badr**: **4** Armed Vehicles.

In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **1** Military Facility, **1** Radar, **2** Surface to Air Transloaders, **3** Surface to Air Launchers, **2** Surface to Surface Launchers.

In the vicinity of **Waddan**: **2** Ammo Storage Facility.

In the vicinity of **Zlitan**: **2** Tanks.

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **16** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

12 Vessels were hailed on 17 AUGUST to determine destination and cargo. **2** boarding's (**no** denials) were conducted.

A total of **2232** vessels have been hailed, **224** boarding's 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**: **794** (air, ground, maritime)

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

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 17 AUGUST: **6**

***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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