



NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update

For 18 AUGUST



19 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 **19,516** sorties, including **7, 397** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 18 AUGUST: **133**

Strike sorties conducted 18 AUGUST:**48**

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

Key Hits 18 AUGUST:

In the vicinity of **Az Zawiyah**: **1** Command and Control Node, **2** Armed Vehicles, Transloader, **5** Tanks.
In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **4** Military Facility, **1** Surface to Air Missile.

Arms Embargo Activities

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

11 Vessels were hailed on 18 AUGUST to determine destination and cargo. **1** boarding's (**no** denials) were conducted.

A total of **2243** vessels have been hailed, **225** 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**:**806** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 18 AUGUST: **2**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 18 AUGUST: **10**

***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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