



# NATO and Libya

## Operational Media Update

### For 20 AUGUST



**21 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 **19,751** sorties, including **7, 459** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 20 AUGUST: **105**  
Strike sorties conducted 20 AUGUST:**36**

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

#### Key Hits 20 AUGUST:

In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **3** Military Facility, **1** Military Storage Facility, **7** Surface to Air Missile Transloaders, **1** Radar, **1** Surface to Surface Missile, **2** Armed Vehicles, **2** Armoured Fighting Vehicles, **3** Command and Control Node, **2** Multiple Rocket Launcher.

In the vicinity of **Sirte**: **1** Command and Control Node.

In the vicinity of **Brega**: **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher, **1** Heavy Machine Gun, **1** Military Firing Position.

In the vicinity of **Gharyan**: **1** Armed Vehicle, **1** Anti Aircraft Gun.

In the vicinity of **Zlitan**: **1** Surface to Air Missile Launcher.

#### Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **15** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

**18** Vessels were hailed on 20 AUGUST to determine destination and cargo. **1** boarding's ( **1** denials) were conducted.

A total of **2276** vessels have been hailed, **228** boarding's and **10** denials have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

#### International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements\*\*:**818** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 20 AUGUST: **2**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 20- AUGUST: **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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