



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update For 6 AUGUST

7 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 **18,039** sorties, including **6,833** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 6 AUGUST: **115**

Strike sorties conducted 6 AUGUST: **45**

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

Key Hits 6 AUGUST:

In the vicinity of **Brega**: **2** Multiple Rocket Launcher Systems

In the vicinity east of **Tripoli**: **1** Surface to Air System, **2** Anti Aircraft Guns, **6** Military Supply Vehicles, **1** Military Vehicle.

In the vicinity of **Bir Al Ghanam**: **1** Ammunition Storage Facility, **1** Command and Control Node, **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher System, **1** Military vehicle.

In the vicinity of **Zlitan**: **1** Command and Control Node, **1** Military Facility, **1** Tank.

In the vicinity of **Tiji**: **1** Military Facility, **1** Command and Control Node, **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher Storage.

Arms Embargo Activities

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

8 Vessels were hailed on 6 AUGUST to determine destination and cargo. **1** boardings (**no** denials) was conducted.

A total of **2096** vessels have been hailed, **212** 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**: **743** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 6 AUGUST: **0**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 6 AUGUST: **9**

***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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