



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update For 17 JULY

18 July. Allied Joint Force Command NAPLES, SHAPE, NATO HQ
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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 **15,540** sorties, including **5,858** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 17JULY: **122**

Strike sorties conducted 17 JULY: **46**

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

Key Hits 17 JULY:

In the vicinity of **Brega**: **9** Armed Vehicles, **2** Armoured Fighting Vehicles, **1** Command and Control Node.

In the vicinity east of **Tripoli**: **1** Radar, **1** Military Storage Facility.

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

In the vicinity of **Zlitan**, **1** Road Block.

Arms Embargo Activities

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

15 Vessels were hailed on 16 JULY to determine destination and cargo. **2** boardings (**no** denials) was conducted.

A total of **1802** vessels have been hailed, **175** 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**: **557** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 17 JULY: **2**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 17 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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