



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update For 15 JULY

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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 **15,308** sorties, including **5,767** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 15 JULY: **115**

Strike sorties conducted 15 JULY: **46**

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

Key Hits 15 JULY:

In the vicinity of **Brega**: **1** Tank, **5** Armoured Fighting Vehicles, **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher, **7** Armed Vehicles.

In the vicinity of **Dur at Turkiyah**: **1** Military Storage Facility

In the vicinity of **Gharyan**: **1** Command and Control Building.

In the vicinity of **Misrata**: **1** Tank, **3** Armed Vehicles.

In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **1** Radar, **1** Surface-to-Air Missile Launcher.

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

Arms Embargo Activities

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

13 Vessels were hailed on 15 JULY to determine destination and cargo. **3** boardings (**no** denials) was conducted.

A total of **1776** vessels have been hailed, **171** 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**: **539** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 15 JULY: **5**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 15 JULY: **13**

***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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