



# NATO and Libya



## Operational Media Update For 16 JULY

**17 July.** 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 **15,418** sorties, including **5,812** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 16 JULY: **110**

Strike sorties conducted 16 JULY: **45**

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

### Key Hits 16 JULY:

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

In the vicinity south of **Misrata**: **6** Anti Aircraft Guns, **4** Multiple Rocket Launchers.

In the vicinity east of **Tripoli**: **3** Radar, **1** Surface-to-Air Missile Launcher, **1** Military Storage Facility.

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.

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

A total of **1787** vessels have been hailed, **173** 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\*\*: **547** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 16 JULY: **1**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 16 JULY: **7**

*\*\*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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