



# NATO and Libya



## Operational Media Update For 23 JULY

**24 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 **16,281** sorties, including **6,142** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 23 JULY: **125**

Strike sorties conducted 23 JULY: **56**

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

### Key Hits 23 JULY:

In the vicinity of **Brega**: **1** Military Storage Facility, **1** Multiple Rocket-Launcher, **1** Command and Control Node, **1** Armored Vehicle.

In the vicinity of **Al Khum**: **1** Military Storage Facility

In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **2** Command and Control Nodes, **2** Surface-to-Air Missile Launcher, **1** Anti-Aircraft Gun.

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

In the vicinity of **Zintan**: **1** Artillery Piece.

In the vicinity of **Zlitan**: **4** Military Storage Facilities, **1** Tank.

### Arms Embargo Activities

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

**24** Vessels were hailed on 23 JULY to determine destination and cargo. **2** boarding (**no** denials) was conducted.

A total of **1907** vessels have been hailed, **183** 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\*\*: **609** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 23 JULY: **2**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 23 JULY: **6**

*\*\*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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