NATO and Libya

Operational Media Update
for 01 MAY

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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, 08.00GMT) a total of **4728** sorties, including **1924** strike sorties* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 01 May:**165**
Strike sorties conducted 01 May: **60**

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

Key Targets and Engagements**
01 May: In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **1** Ammunition Storage. In the vicinity of **Mizdah**: **3** Ammunition Storages. In the vicinity of **Zintan: 2** Ammunition Storages, **1** Armoured Personnel Carrier, **3** Armoured Fighting Vehicles, **1** Military Truck. In the vicinity of **Sirte: 6** Ammunition Storages. In the vicinity of **Dahra: 1** Communications Facility. In the vicinity of **Brega: 1** Tank, **1** Antiaircraft Gun.

***Key Engagements are not intended to give a complete account of all targets which were engaged.*

Arms Embargo Activities
A total of **19** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.
11 Vessels were hailed on 01 March to determine destination and cargo. **1** boarding (no diversion) was conducted.
A total of **751** vessels have been hailed, **25** boardings and **5** diversions have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO
Total of Humanitarian Movements***: **152** (air, ground, maritime)
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 01 May: **1**
Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 01 May: **0**

****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 Joint Force Command in Naples.

More information on Operation Unified Protector
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