



# NATO and Libya



## Operational Media Update for 02 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 **4886** sorties, including **1980** strike sorties\* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 02 May: **158**

Strike sorties conducted 02 May: **56**

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

### Key Targets and Engagements\*\*

02 May: In the vicinity of **Misurata**: **12** Ammunition Storages, **3** Self-Propelled Artillery Pieces. In the vicinity of **Sirte**: **2** Armoured Personnel Carriers. In the vicinity of **Ras Lanuf**: **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher. In the vicinity of **Brega**: **1** Truck-Mounted Gun, **3** Multiple Rocket Launchers. In the vicinity of **Zintan**: **1** Ammunition Storage.

*\*\*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.

**6** Vessels were hailed on 02 May to determine destination and cargo. **1** boarding (no diversion) was conducted.

A total of **757** vessels have been hailed, **26** 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 02 May: **0**

Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 02 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 are located at the Joint Force Command in Naples.

### More information on Operation Unified Protector

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