



# NATO and Libya



## Operational Media Update for 19 April

**20 April.** JFC Naples, SHAPE, NATO HQ

### Mission

On March 27, NATO decided to take control over all military operations for Libya under United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1970 & 1973. 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 **3,016** sorties and **1,261** strike sorties\* have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 19 April: **139**

Strike sorties conducted 19 April: **62**

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

### Key Targets and Engagements\*\*

19 April: In vicinity of **Tripoli**: **2** Ammunition depots. In vicinity of **Misurata**: **2** T-62 Tanks, **1** T-55 Tank, **3** Rocket launcher vehicles. In vicinity of **Sirte**: **1** Surface-To-Surface (SSM) Missile Site.

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

### Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **18** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

**34** Vessels were hailed on 19 April to determine destination and cargo. **No boarding nor diversion** was conducted.

A total of **457** vessels have been hailed, **10** boardings and **3** diversions have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

### International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements\*\*\*: **89** (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 19 April: **none** executed and **9** in execution.

Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 19 April: **2**

\*\*\* 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 in Naples.

### More information on Operation Unified Protector

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