



NATO and Libya



Operational Media Update For 26 JULY

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(more information: 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 **16689** sorties, including **6,285** strike sorties*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 26 JULY: **134**
Strike sorties conducted 26 JULY: **46**

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

Key Hits 26 JULY:

In the vicinity of **Brega**: **5** Military Vehicles, **1** Tank, **1** Military Facility.
In the vicinity of **Tripoli**: **1** Military Facility, **4** Anti-Aircraft Systems.
In the vicinity of **Waddan**: **1** Ammunition Storage Facility.
In the vicinity of **Zlitan**: **1** Military Ammo Supply Node, **2** Military Facility, **4** Military Supply Vehicles.
In the vicinity of **Misratah**: **4** Military Supply Vehicles .

Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **17** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.
12 Vessels were hailed on 26 JULY to determine destination and cargo. **3** boardings (**no** denials) were conducted.
A total of **1956** vessels have been hailed, **189** 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**: **642** (air, ground, maritime)
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 26 JULY: **2**
Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 26 JULY: **9**

***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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