



# NATO and Libya

## Operational Media Update

### For 9 SEPTEMBER



**10 September.** 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 **22,116** sorties, including **8,296** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 09 SEPTEMBER: **110**  
Strike sorties conducted 09 SEPTEMBER: **40**

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

#### Key Hits 09 SEPTEMBER:

In the vicinity of **Sirte**: **1** Surface to Surface Missile Facility, **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher, **1** Armed Vehicle.  
In the vicinity of **Hun**: **1** Command and Control Node.  
In the vicinity of **Al Jufrah**: **1** Military Facility.  
In the vicinity of **Sebha**: **1** Tank.  
In the vicinity of **Bani Walid**: **1** Armed Vehicle.

#### Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **14** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.  
**12** Vessels were hailed on 09 SEPTEMBER to determine destination and cargo. **4** boardings (**0** denied) were conducted.  
A total of **2551** vessels have been hailed, **267** boardings and **11** denials have been conducted since the beginning of arms embargo operations.

#### International Humanitarian Assistance Movements as recorded by NATO

Total of Humanitarian Movements\*\***1011**: (air, ground, maritime)  
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 09 SEPTEMBER: **2**  
Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 09 SEPTEMBER: **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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