



# NATO and Libya

## Operational Media Update

### For 18 SEPTEMBER



**19 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 **23,157** sorties, including **8,687** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 18 SEPTEMBER: **113**  
Strike sorties conducted 18 SEPTEMBER: **42**

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

#### **Key Hits 18 SEPTEMBER:**

In the vicinity of **Sirte**: **1** Military Facility, **1** Command and Control Node, **1** Multiple Rocket Launcher, **4** Air Missile Systems.

In the vicinity of **Waddan**: **1** Tank, **4** Multiple Rocket Launchers, **2** Armed Vehicles, **6** Anti Aircraft Guns.

#### **Arms Embargo Activities**

A total of **14** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.

**31** Vessels were hailed on 18 SEPTEMBER to determine destination and cargo. **1** boardings (**0** denied) were conducted.

A total of **2716** vessels have been hailed, **288** 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\*\***1286**: (air, ground, maritime)

Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 18 SEPTEMBER: **1**

Aircrafts delivering Humanitarian Assistance 18 SEPTEMBER: **5**

*\*\*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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