



# NATO and Libya

## Operational Media Update For 23 OCTOBER



**24 October.** 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

Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR air assets continue monitoring missions over Libya. Since the beginning of the NATO operation (31 March 2011, 06.00GMT) a total of **26,323** sorties, including **9,658** strike sorties\*, have been conducted.

Sorties conducted 23 OCTOBER: **42**  
Strike sorties conducted 23 OCTOBER: **12**

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

**Key Hits 23 OCTOBER:**  
**Nil**

### Arms Embargo Activities

A total of **12** ships under NATO command are actively patrolling the Central Mediterranean.  
**4** Vessels were hailed on 23 OCTOBER to determine destination and cargo. **0** boardings (**0** denied) were conducted.  
A total of **3124** vessels have been hailed, **296** 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\*\***2209**: (air, maritime)  
Ships delivering Humanitarian Assistance 23 OCTOBER: **0**  
Aircraft delivering Humanitarian Assistance 23 OCTOBER: **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 Naples.

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