

Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR

Facts & Figures

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NATO took control of all military operations for Libya under United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1970 & 1973 on 31 March 2011. Operation Unified Protector consists of three elements: an arms embargo, a no-fly-zone and actions to protect civilians from attack or the threat of attack

The Arms Embargo	commenced on 23 March 2011.
The No-Fly Zone	commenced on 25 March 2011.
Protection of Civilians	commenced on 31 March 2011.
Legal Basis:	<p>OUP is mandated under Chapter Seven of the UN Charter.</p> <p>UN Security Council Resolutions 1970, 1973 and 2009 relate to NATO's mission.</p>
Peak Military Figures	<p>Over 260 air assets (fighter aircraft, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft, air-to-air refuellers, unmanned aerial vehicles and attack helicopters).</p> <p>21 naval assets (supply ships, frigates, destroyers, submarines, amphibious assault ships and aircraft carriers).</p> <p>Approximately 8,000 troops.</p>
Targeting:	<p>Over 26,000 sorties, including over 9,600 strike sorties*</p> <p><i>*Strike sorties are intended to identify and engage appropriate targets, but do not necessarily deploy munitions each time.</i></p> <p>Destroyed over 5,900 military targets including over 400 artillery or rocket launchers and over 600 tanks or armored vehicles.</p>
Arms Embargo:	<p>Over 3000 vessels have been hailed.</p> <p>Around 300 vessels have been boarded.</p> <p>Eleven ships have been denied transit to or from Libyan ports because the vessel or its cargo presented a risk to the civilian population.</p> <p>The embargo covers a maritime surveillance area of around 61,000 nautical square miles.</p>
Humanitarian Assistance:	Over 2,100 air, ground and maritime deliveries into Libya have been de-conflicted by NATO.
Safety of Life at Sea:	Since the start of the embargo operation, NATO maritime assets have directly aided the rescue of over 600 migrants in distress at sea.

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