


Gaddafi forces prepare for Tripoli battle

Army units, militiamen and foreign mercenaries loyal to Colonel Muammar Gaddafi are fortifying key positions in Tripoli, with tanks guarding major roads, in an attempt to stem a revolt that is moving closer to the Libyan leader's bastion in the capital

 Areas where pro-Gaddafi forces are reported to be located

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

State TV building

People's Congress

GARGARESH

Gaddafi's residence and fortified compound

Old City

Green Square

ZAWIYAT AL-DAHMANI

FASHLUM

ARADA

BEN ASHUR

SOUK AL-JUMA

TRIPOLI

Zoo Park

TUNISIA Tripoli

Benghazi

Misurata

LIBYA

300km
190 miles

 Opposition control

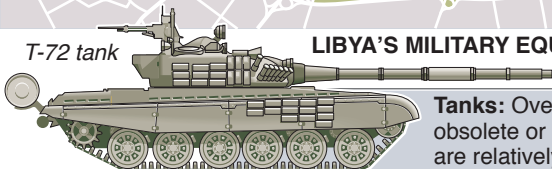


2km

1.2 miles

T-72 tank

LIBYA'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT



Tanks: Over 2,000 – majority are obsolete or inoperable. About 200 are relatively modern T-72 type

Combat aircraft and helicopters: Over 400 – much equipment obsolete, dating back to 1970s or 80s. Many aircraft unserviceable

Other weapons: Scud missiles, chemical and biological agents