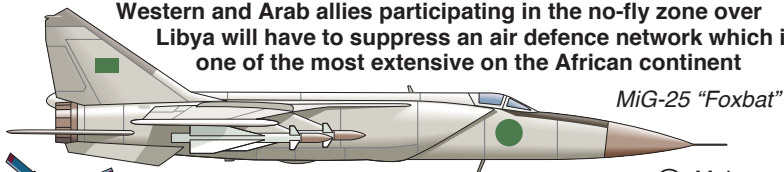


Allies must suppress Libyan air defences

Western and Arab allies participating in the no-fly zone over Libya will have to suppress an air defence network which is one of the most extensive on the African continent



⊕ Main airfields
 ↗ Strategic SAM sites

AIR FORCE

On paper, Gaddafi has over 400 combat aircraft and helicopters, but many are obsolete or unserviceable

Fighters: Over 200, including 15 French-built **Mirage** and 100 Russian **MiG-25** jets

Attack aircraft: 100+

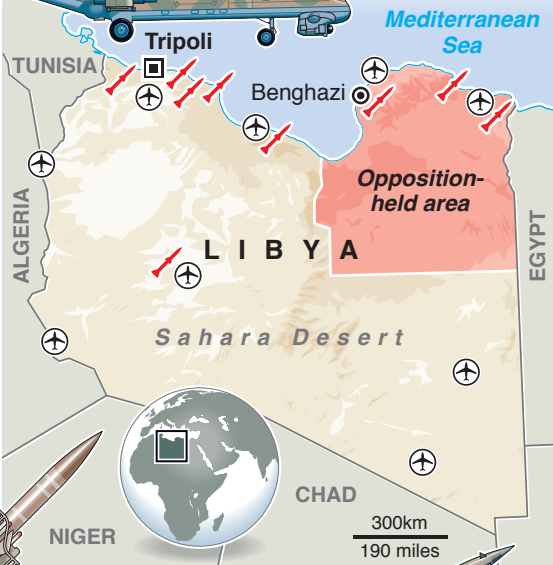
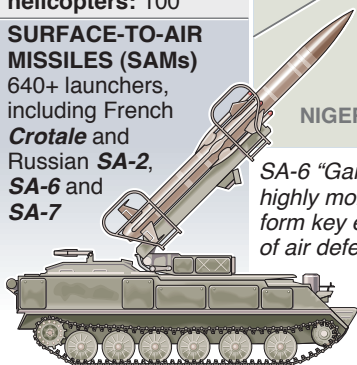
Attack helicopters: 35 **Mi-25 / Mi-35**

Transport aircraft: 85

Transport / utility helicopters: 100

SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES (SAMs)

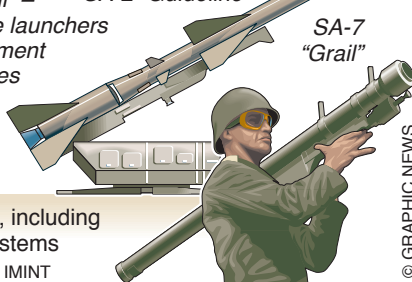
640+ launchers, including French **Crotale** and Russian **SA-2**, **SA-6** and **SA-7**



SA-6 "Gainful" – highly mobile launchers form key element of air defences

SA-2 "Guideline"

SA-7 "Grail"



ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS: Around 500, including 250 **ZSU-23** self-propelled weapon systems

Sources: IISS, GlobalSecurity.org, Aviation Week, IMINT