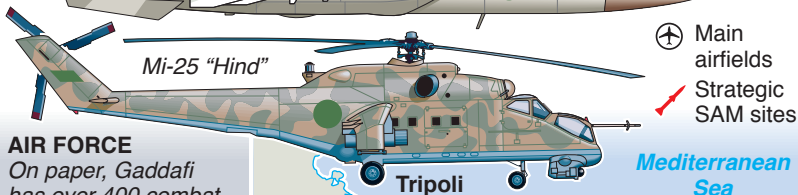
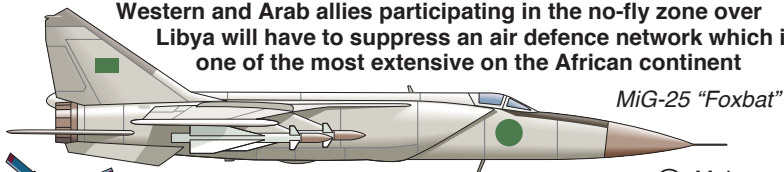


Allies must suppress Libyan air defences

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



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+

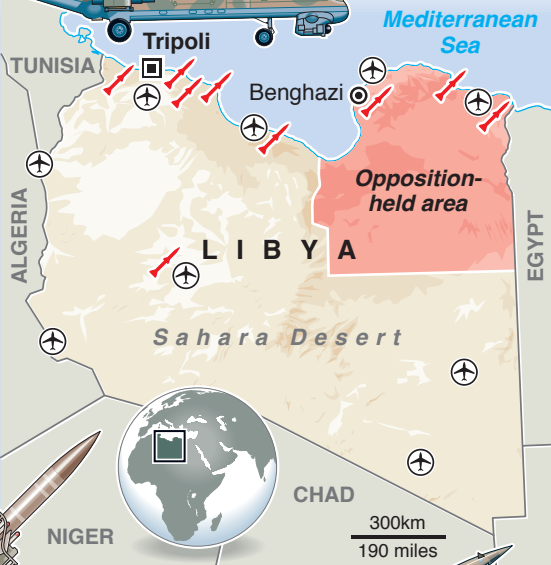
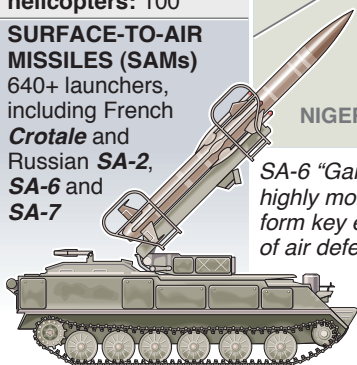
Attack helicopters: 35 *Mi-25* / *Mi-35*

Transport aircraft: 85

Transport / utility helicopters: 100

SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES (SAMs)

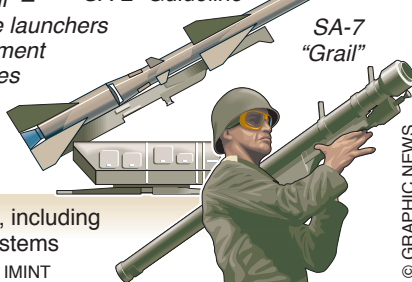
640+ launchers, including French *Crotale* and Russian *SA-2*, *SA-6* and *SA-7*



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