#### Libyan military outlook **Armed forces:** Reserves:

76.000

40.000

T-90 tank

### **ARMY: 50,000 troops**

- Main battle tanks: 2,205 Many thought to be inoperable
- Armoured personnel carriers: 945
- Other armoured vehicles: 1.000
- Artillery: 2,421 including 444 self-propelled, 647 towed
- Mortars: 500
- Surface-to-air missiles: 424+

# **AIR FORCE: 18,000**

- Combat capable aircraft: 374
- Fighters: 227 including 15 Frenchbuilt Mirage and 94 Russian MiG-25 jets
- Attack helicopters: 35 Mi-25 / Mi-35

Many planes and helicopters unserviceable. At least four aircraft lost / defected

MiG-25 "Foxbat"

#### **NAVY: 8,000**

- Surface vessels: 3
- Patrol and coastal ships: 14
- Submarines: 2 Foxtrot class diesel subs. Delivered by Soviet Union in 80s, they may have been abandoned

Gaddafi's power rests mainly with loval paramilitary units numbering around 10,000 troops. Best trained and equipped is 32nd Brigade, commanded by fifth son Khamis

## **OTHER FORCES**

Air Defence Command forces have at least 216 surface-to-air missiles

#### **CHEMICAL WEAPONS** Since 2004 Libya has been

destroying its stocks of chemical weapons. According to *Organisation* for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons Libya still has 9.5 tonnes of mustard gas at secret desert location but no longer has capability to deliver it Mediterranean Sea 300km

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Major air base Major army base

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held area

190 miles

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