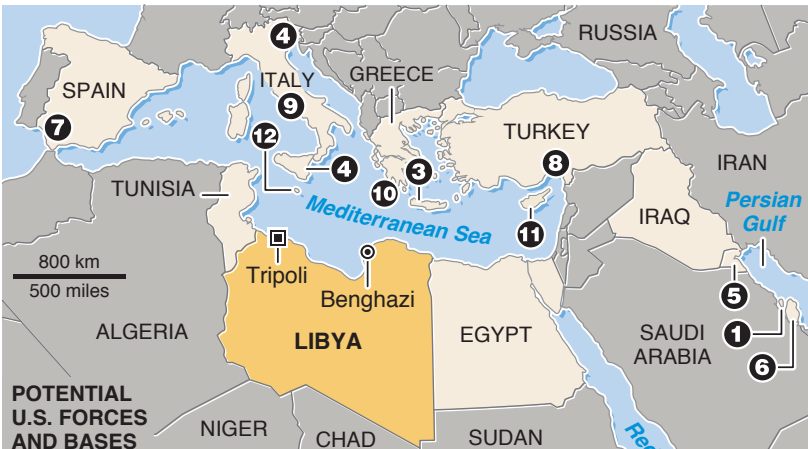


# NATO, EU meet to discuss Libya options

As fighting on the ground escalates, NATO and EU ministers are meeting to discuss Libya and plans for a possible no-fly zone. Military officials have said that a zone could be set up quickly, and forces in the region are handily placed if the international community agrees to such a move



**1 Bahrain:** Home of *Fifth Fleet*. Over 20 ships responsible for operations in Gulf, Red Sea and Indian Ocean

**2 Djibouti:** Naval base with 2,400 personnel

**3 Greece:** *Souda Bay* naval and air base on island of Crete

**4 Italy:** *Aviano* airbase in north has two F-16 squadrons. *Sigonella* airbase on Sicily is only 530km from Tripoli

**5 Kuwait:** 5,000 troops plus air and naval bases

**6 Qatar:** *Al Udeid* is key command hub, with longest runway in Gulf

**7 Spain:** *Moron* (air) and *Rota* (naval) bases

**8 Turkey:** Airbases at *Incirlik* and *Izmir*

**9 Sixth Fleet:** Based at *Gaeta* in Italy. Patrols Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean. *USS Enterprise* aircraft carrier in Red Sea

**10 U.S. sending two amphibious ships, carrying helicopters and 800 marines, to aid Libya humanitarian relief efforts**

**NON-U.S. BASES**

**11 Cyprus:** UK airbases

**12 Malta:** EU state is just 350km from Libya



**USS Kearsarge**