## **Libyan rebels prepare to defend Benghazi**

## MEDITERRANEAN SEA

- Gaddafi forces: Saadi and Khamis brigades about 10,000 troops - with T-72 tanks, armoured vehicles and 60-70 artillery pieces. 10 patrol boats blockading port
- Rebel forces: Several thousand fighters armed with T-55 tanks from Al Katiba barracks, BM-21 Grad and BM-31 Katyusha rocket launchers, "technicals" - pickup trucks with DShK 12.7mm heavy machine guns - and SA-7 Grail shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missile systems

Port of Benghazi

Gaddafi-held

Clashes

Benghazi

Al-Katiba: Former internal security forces facility

Old

City

2km 1.2 miles

Tobruk

Al-Jalaa

Hospital

BENGHAZI

Opposition-held

Oil refineries

Al Bayda

People's

Garden

- Zuara Zawiya II TRIPOLI TUNISIA
  - Gulf of Sirte Sirte

Misrata

Jawad

Al Brega

Ras Lanuf

**Aidabiya** 

Gaeta, Italy:

HQ of U.S.

Sixth Fleet

200km 125 miles

800km

500 miles

LIBYA

## Air and naval assets

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- 1 Sicily: Four NATO E-3 AWACS aircraft, two U.S. KC-130J tankers
- 2 Mediterranean: Helicopter carrier USS Kearsarge, two missile destroyers, one nuclear attack submarine. French aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle, Royal Navy frigate HMS Cumberland plus support ships, Canadian frigate HMCS Charlottetown en route
- 3 Souda Bay, Crete: Four USAF C-130J Hercules transports
- 4 El Mansoura, Egypt: U.S. to use air base to enforce no-fly zone
- 5 RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus: Two British E-3D AWACS, 2 VC-10 tanker aircraft
- 6 Red Sea: USS Enterprise en route
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