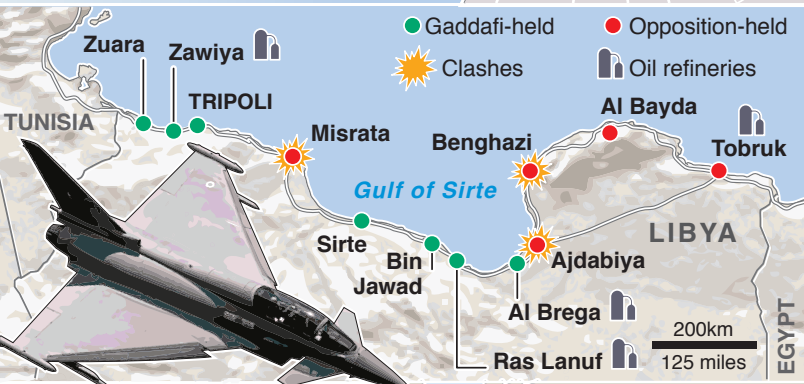


Libyan rebels prepare to defend Benghazi

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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, “technical” – pickup trucks with DShK 12.7mm heavy machine guns – and SA-7 Grail shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missile systems



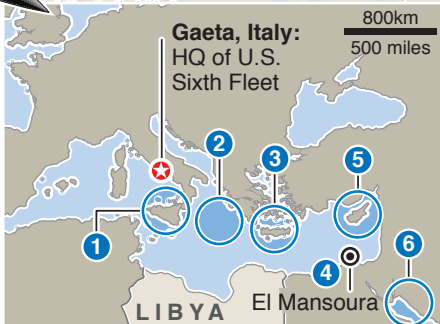
Air and naval assets

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