

# Tribal divisions could decide fate of Libya

With most of Libya now in rebel hands, a key question will be whether the fledgling National Transitional Council can unite the country's myriad tribes and clans into a coherent state after Muammar Gaddafi has gone



**Gaddafi:** Libyan leader's own tribe is small – 100,000 strong. His rule has relied on cooperation with other tribes such as **Warfallah** and **Magariha**

**Warfallah:** Libya's largest tribe has about 1 million members and was first to join anti-government movement

**Magariha:** Second largest tribe. Most powerful member is Gaddafi's spy chief **Abdullah al-Sanussi**

**Tarhuna:** At least 350,000 strong – about one-third of Tripoli's population

**Zentan:** Influential anti-Gaddafi tribe based in **Nafusa Mountains**

**Misurata:** Largest tribe in eastern Libya, strongly anti-Gaddafi

**Zuwaya:** Outspokenly anti-Gaddafi, controls vast swathe of eastern Libya

**Tuaregs, Toubou:** Mainly nomadic, live in harsh desert conditions