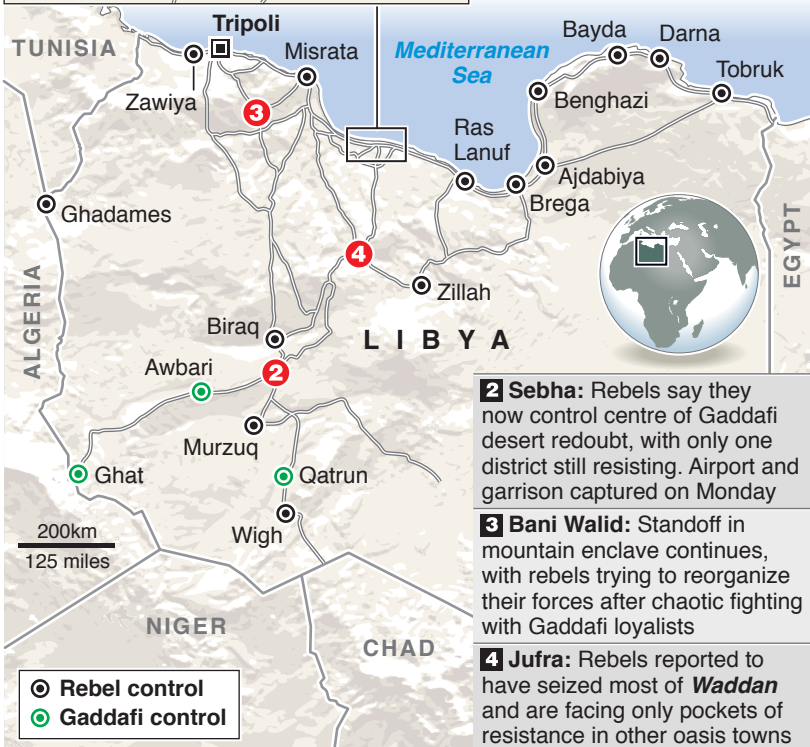


Libya rebels claim southern Gaddafi base

Libya's National Transitional Council say their fighters have captured the key southern city of Sebha, one of Colonel Gaddafi's last remaining strongholds. Fierce fighting is continuing in Sirte and Bani Walid



1 Sirte: Residents fleeing ahead of expected new push by revolutionary forces to seize Gaddafi's home town. City in state of siege, under rocket fire and NATO bombardment. No electricity and shortages of food and basic supplies



2 Sebha: Rebels say they now control centre of Gaddafi desert redoubt, with only one district still resisting. Airport and garrison captured on Monday

3 Bani Walid: Standoff in mountain enclave continues, with rebels trying to reorganize their forces after chaotic fighting with Gaddafi loyalists

4 Jufra: Rebels reported to have seized most of **Waddan** and are facing only pockets of resistance in other oasis towns of **Hun** and **Sokna**