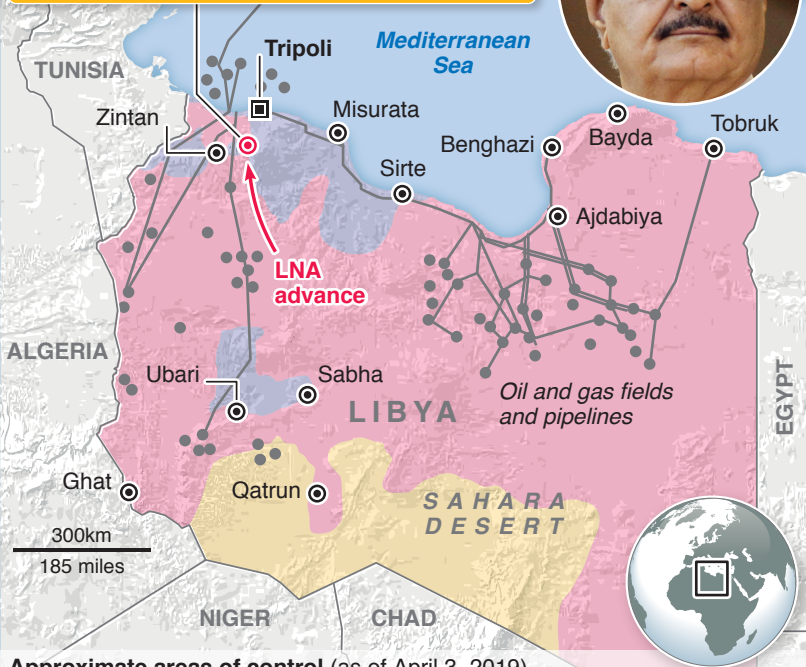


UN warns of military escalation in Libya

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is concerned about a possible major armed showdown in Libya, and is urging rival factions to turn to dialogue, as forces from the east of the country move towards Tripoli

April 3-4: Forces loyal to **Khalifa Hifter** (right) capture town of Gharyan without major clashes. Any further advance by his forces on Tripoli – controlled by weak UN-backed government and aligned militias – could spark major confrontation



Approximate areas of control (as of April 3, 2019)

- Tobruk-based government backed by Hifter's Libyan National Army (LNA)
- UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA)
- Other factions