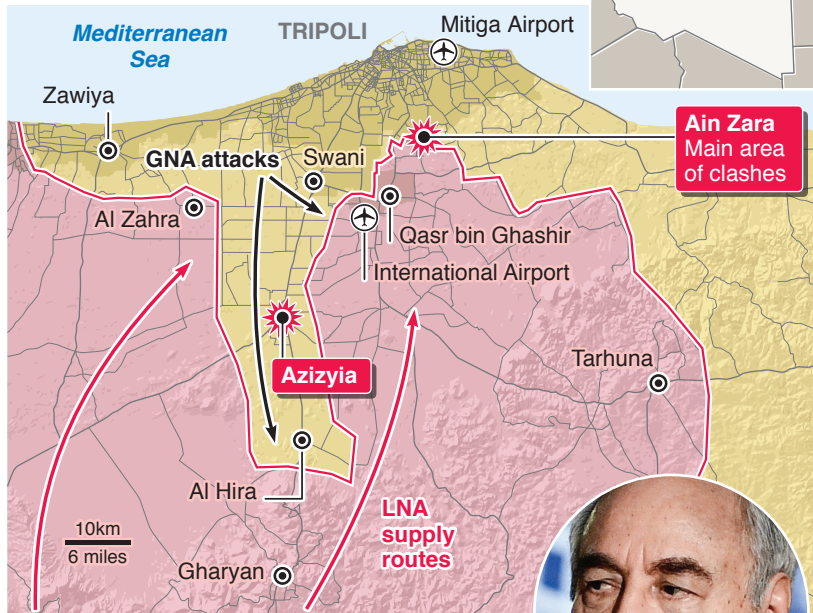


Libyan warlord to intensify Tripoli offensive

Eastern Libyan forces loyal to rebel warlord Khalifa Hifter are planning to intensify an assault on the capital Tripoli, seat of the country's internationally-recognised government

Areas of control (as of April 23, 2019)

- UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA) and aligned militia groups
- Eastern-based government backed by Hifter's Libyan National Army (LNA)



Khalifa Hifter: LNA calling in reservists to open new fronts, using artillery and infantry, after its offensive failed to breach southern defences of city. Hifter has reportedly received aid from Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt, Russia and France