

Libyan opposition forces capture Sirte

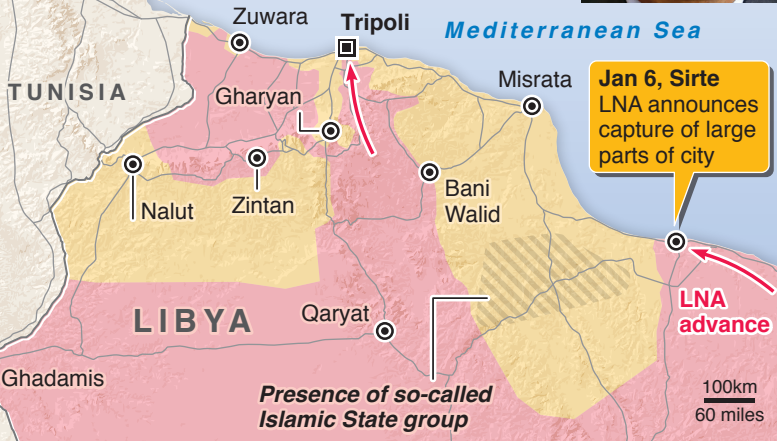
Libya's eastern-based forces say they have taken control of the coastal city of Sirte from the UN-recognised government in Tripoli, in what would be a key strategic gain

Approximate areas of control (Jan 7, 2020)

- UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA) and allies
- Libyan National Army (LNA) and allies

Khalifa Haftar ▶

Commands LNA forces aligned with Tobruk-based government – backed by UAE, Egypt, France and Russia. Declared decisive offensive to capture Tripoli in Dec 2019



◀ Fayez al-Sarraj

Heads Tripoli-based administration overseeing western Libya since 2016 as part of UN-brokered deal boycotted by Haftar. GNA receives aid from Turkey, Qatar and Italy, and Turkish troops have begun moving into Libya at GNA request

