

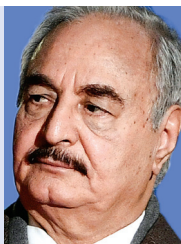
U.S. says Russia sent jets to Libya

The U.S. military has accused Russia of sending fighter jets to Libya to support Russian mercenaries, in a sign of the Pentagon's mounting concerns about Moscow's role in the sprawling proxy war



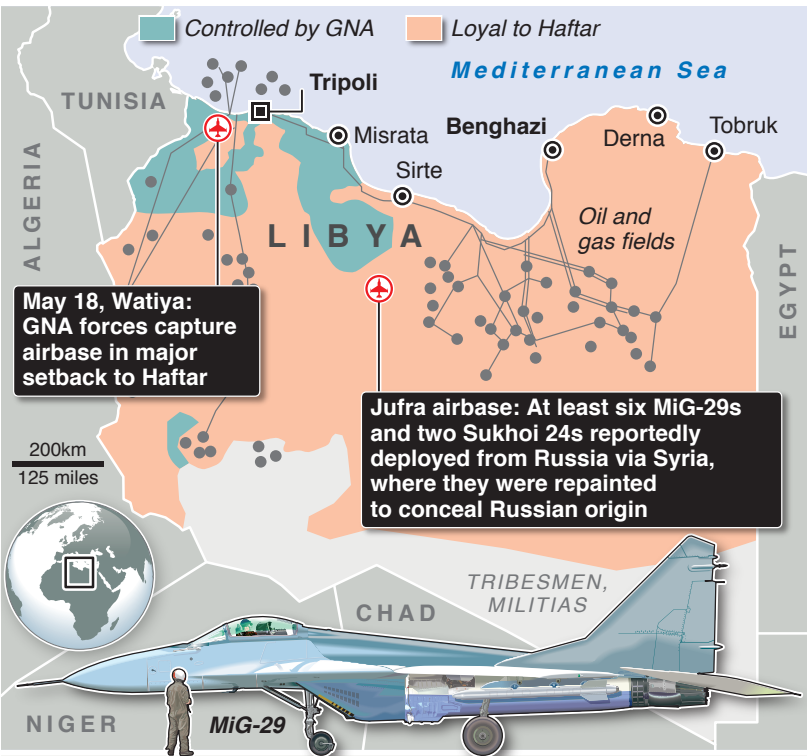
► **Prime Minister Fayeze al-Sarraj:** Leads UN-backed **Government of National Accord (GNA)** in Tripoli. Supported mainly by **Qatar** and **Turkey**

► **Khalifa Haftar:** General leads self-styled **Libyan National Army (LNA)** in Benghazi. Aims to oust GNA, backed by **Russia**, **UAE** and **Egypt**



Increased Turkish support has enabled GNA to make strategic advances in recent weeks

*UN says Kremlin-backed private military contractor **Wagner Group** has up to 1,200 people in Libya*



Pentagon suspects Russia may be planning to seize bases on Libyan coast, creating long-term security threat on Europe's southern flank