

# Libya's frozen civil war

After six years of civil war, Libya's city of Sirte – a strategic gateway to major oil facilities – has become the latest frontline between a Turkish zone of influence in the west and a Russian region in the east



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

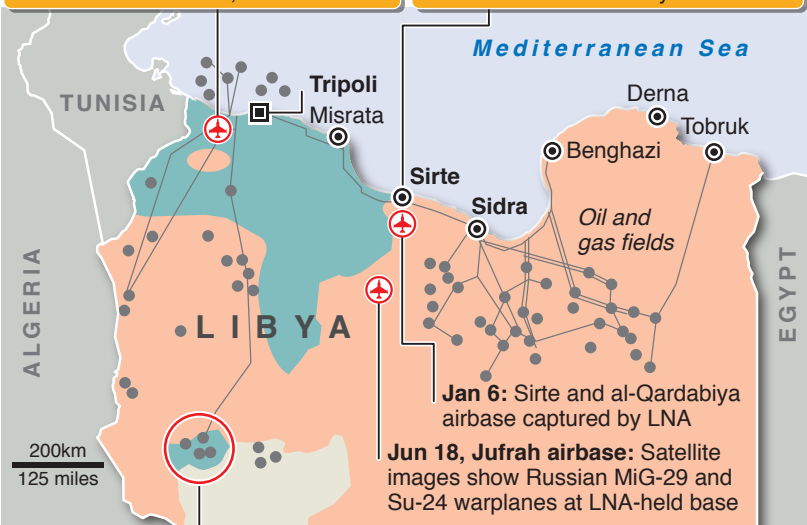
**Khalifa Haftar:** General leads self-styled **Libyan National Army (LNA)** in Benghazi. Haftar's LNA is backed by **Russia, UAE, Egypt** and **France**



Controlled by GNA Loyal to Haftar Tribesmen, militias

**May 18:** GNA seize Al-Watiya airbase from LNA. **Jul 5:** Aircraft, identified as French-made Rafales, bomb base

**Jun 20:** Egypt warns that Turkish-backed effort to take Sirte could lead to "direct intervention" by Cairo



**Jan 6:** Sirte and al-Qardabiya airbase captured by LNA

**Jun 18, Jufrah airbase:** Satellite images show Russian MiG-29 and Su-24 warplanes at LNA-held base

**Jun 25, Sharara oil field:** Russian mercenaries storm facility just days after it resumes production

**Jul 5, Sidra oil port:** Foreign forces enter port in attempt to prevent resumption of exports

**Sharara, Sidra fields:** Account for more than half of Libya's production

**Jul 3-4:** Turkey's Defence Minister **Hulusi Akar** visits Tripoli to discuss Turkish use of Misrata naval base and al-Watiya airbase

