

THE STRATEGIC WAR UNDER WAY IN LIBYA

Since the downfall of the Gaddafi regime in October 2011, there has been continuous battles, as various Libyan factions have fought for control of the devastated country.

The **oil-rich country** has remained beset by turmoil since 2011 when long-time ruler Muammar Gaddafi was ousted and killed in a NATO-backed uprising after four decades in power.

Since the summer of 2014, the political power has been split between two rival governments, in **Tripoli in the West**, and **Tobruk in the East**.

Tobruk, has been recognised by the international community even before the creation of the Presidency Council (PC) – the body that acts collectively as head of state and supreme commander of the armed forces – in Dec. 2015.

The House of Representatives (HoR) in Tobruk would become the legitimate legislative authority under the LPA but it has so far failed to pass a valid constitutional amendment to enshrine itself as an authoritative institution. Instead, the HoR endorsed the rival government of Abdullah al-Thinni which operates from the eastern Libyan city of Bayda.

The Tobruk and Bayda authorities have been aligned with **Khalifa Haftar** who is also aligned with an Egyptian anti-Islamist general, who leads the Libyan National Army (LNA).

Haftar's forces have launched a campaign to capture Tripoli from Libya's internationally recognized **Government of National Accord (GNA.)** Clashes between the two sides since then have left more than 1,000 dead and about 5,500 wounded, according to the World Health Organization .



General Khalifa Haftar
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ERDOĞAN, PUTIN TO DISCUSS MILITARY SUPPORT TO LIBYA

DEC 20. 2019. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, are set to discuss the possibility of **Turkey dispatching military support to the U.N.-recognized government of Libya** during their meeting scheduled for January, a Kremlin source said.

Russia has, in fact, already had a foothold in Tripoli, for some time, but it wants more than a foothold. Libya is one of the nations of the God coalition (Put – Libya) listed in Ezekiel 38. And Russia is working to cement Libya's partnership.

Putting a “friendly face” on the relationship, Russia will encourage, “**any efforts and individual countries in terms of finding solutions to the (Libyan) crisis,**” said Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov.

Erdoğan says that **Turkey is ready to provide Tripoli with any military support it needs**, after Ankara and Libya's internationally recognised government **signed a security deal**. He also said, “**We will be protecting the rights of Libya and Turkey in the Eastern Mediterranean.** We are more than ready to give whatever support necessary to Libya.”

“**Khalifa Haftar, who leads forces in eastern Libya, is not a legitimate leader ... and is a representative of an illegal structure,**” Erdoğan said after meeting in Istanbul with Fayez al-Sarraj, prime minister of Libya's **Government of National Accord**. [GNA] (also known as the “**Tripoli Parliament**”)

Several types of actors scramble for power in today's Libya: armed groups; “city-states”, particularly in western and southern Libya; and tribes, which are particularly relevant in eastern and southern Libya.

“And the word of YHWH came to me: 'Son of man, set your face against Gog of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Rosh (*Russia*), Meshech, and **Tubal** (*Turkey*), and prophesy against him, and say, “The Sovereign Master, YHWH, says: ‘Listen! I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws and bring you out with your whole army - your horses and horsemen all fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing swords. **Persia, Ethiopia,** and Put (*Libya*) with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah [*also a part of Turkey*] of the north quarters, and all his hordes: and many people with you. Be prepared, and prepare for yourself, you, and all your company that are assembled unto you, and be a guard for them. After many days you shall be visited: *in the latter years you shall come* into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, *against the mountains of Israel*, which have been always desolate.’” (Ezekiel 38; 1-8)

Turkish President Erdoğan opened the way on December 26 for direct military intervention in Libya: he announced a parliamentary vote in early January on sending troops to support the UN-backed Tripoli government against General Khalifa Haftar. Instructors, equipment and Turkish special forces are already operating in Libya alongside pro-government militias. Erdoğan said that Turkey would also be willing to send aerial and naval assistance if circumstances require it.

Sending Turkish troops will complicate the situation in an already fragile country, torn by internal dissent since the ouster and killing of the dictator Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.

TURKEY NOW POISED TO SEND TROOPS TO LIBYA, RATCHETING UP TENSIONS IN E. MEDITERRANEAN

Dec. 26, 2019. (Worthy News) - Turkey will send troops to Libya at the request of the UN-backed government in Tripoli as soon as next month, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said, in a move likely to deepen an international proxy struggle in the north African country ravaged by civil war.

Libya's internationally recognized Government of National Accord (GNA) has been struggling to repel a months-long offensive by General Khalifa Haftar's eastern-based Libyan National Army (LNA), which has been supported by Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates and France.

Last month, Turkey and the Tripoli-based GNA leader Fayeze al-Serraj signed a defence co-operation deal, and a separate one on maritime boundaries in the Eastern Mediterranean, where Turkey is locked in dispute with regional rivals Greece, Cyprus, Egypt and Israel over access to waters that are rich in natural gas.

TURKEY IS SENDING REBEL FORCE TO FIGHT AGAINST HAFTAR

Dec. 29, 2019 . Large contingents of Syrian Turkman rebel militias are being transferred to Libya by Turkish airlift and sealift to help the Tripoli government repel the assault on the capital by General Khalifa Haftar's Libyan National Army, military sources report.

The LNA has **just broken through** the government's defence lines and is driving toward the centre of Tripoli. Haftar is backed by Egypt and the UAE.

Sources in Syria and Turkey disclose that the rebel Syrian units heading for Libya are the Sultan Murad Brigade and the Faylaq al-Sham, most of whose fighters belong to the **Syrian Muslim Brotherhood**.

This is the **first time** that combatants from Syria's civil war are **participating in the conflict of a fellow Arab nation**.

“And I will turn you back, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you forth, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, **and (Put) Libya** with them; all of them with shield and helmet.” (Ezekiel 38: 4&5)

EGYPTIAN TANKS SENT TO LIBYA TO THWART TURKISH INTERVENTION IN BATTLE FOR TRIPOLI

DEC. 21, 2019. A consignment of **Egyptian** T-72 tanks and APCs arrived in **Libya** on Dec. 19, to bolster General Khalifa Haftar's Libyan National Army (LNA), which had **just broken through to the southern outskirts of TRIPOLI**.

This consignment was personally ordered by Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah El-SISI, reliable military and intelligence sources reveal, along with instructions to a number of Egyptian air force squadrons to stand ready to support Haftar's push to **take the capital from the UN-recognized Government of National Accord**. UN-brokered Libyan Political Agreement (LPA)

El-SISI took those steps in response to the Erdogan government's **reported plan to send over a volunteer force from the Turkish Muslim Brotherhood (SADAT)** to help the **GNA** resist Haftar's push into Tripoli.

SADAT consists of former **Al Qaeda** and **ISIS** jihadists recruited in Syria by the Turkish MIT intelligence agency. Our sources add that a number of Hamas activists hosted by Turkey have trained with these units.

It was in reference to this Turkish intervention in the Tripoli battle that El-Sisi declared this week: **“The Libyan government has been held hostage by terrorist militias in the capital, Tripoli.”**

This week, the Libyan Muslim Brotherhood convinced the Tripoli government to **formally apply to Ankara** for military assistance to repel the Haftar advance.

Turkish military aid to the GNA thus far consists of 3,000 army “*advisers*” and **a steady supply of weapons systems**, including anti-tank rockets and drones.

Haftar’s army is solidly backed by Egypt and the United Arab Emirates .

If Turkey goes through with its plan to deploy Muslim Brotherhood volunteers to Libya, the Egyptian air force **will go into action for a showdown against Turkish intervention.**

TURKEY MOVES TO STOP ISRAEL FROM BUILDING UNDERSEA GAS LINE TO EUROPE



An Israeli offshore natural gas rig. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

20 DEC 2019. Turkey is attempting to **stop Israel from laying a natural gas pipeline to Europe**, Israeli public broadcaster *Kan* reported.

According to the report, Turkey is claiming that the planned Israeli undersea pipeline infringes on an area claimed by Turkey **under an economic agreement reached with Libya.**

Turkey has officially asked the UN to recognize the agreement with Libya as a first step toward preventing Israel from building its own pipeline.

Kan reported that Turkey’s foreign minister commented that his country was **prepared to respond powerfully against anyone who attempted to infringe Turkish sovereignty.**

If successful, Turkey’s move would most seriously affect Greece and Cyprus, both allies of Israel, who, along with Italy, have signed a memorandum of understanding with the Jewish state on construction of the gas pipeline.

CYPRUS, GREECE, ISRAEL TO SIGN PIPELINE DEAL ON JAN. 2

The leaders of Cyprus, Greece and Israel plan to sign an agreement early in the new year for the building of the eastern Mediterranean natural gas pipeline, the Greek prime minister’s office announced Sunday.

TURKEY'S TURN TO THE DARK SIDE - A VERY BIG CONCERN FOR 2020

Erdoğan has warned that if the U.S. continues to "disrespect" Turkey, Ankara will seek "new friends and allies." Those new friends include Russia & Iran.

ERDOGAN SAYS TURKEY CANNOT HANDLE NEW MIGRANT WAVE FROM SYRIA, WARNS EUROPE

Turkey cannot handle a fresh wave of migrants from Syria, President Tayyip Erdogan said on Sunday, warning that European countries will feel the impact of such an influx if violence in Syria's northwest is not stopped.

War drums are beating louder every day now!!

Keep looking up, and keep redeeming the time, because the days are evil.