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How Important is City of Sirte & Al-Jufra Air Force Base ??? With the military escalation In Libya

Questions about the importance of Al-Jufra Airbase, coinciding with a military escalation Turkey supports the forces of the government National Accord {GNA}, headed by Faiz Al-Sarraj, in the face of the General Command forces {Liban national Army . LNA} headed by Gen. Khalifa Haftar supported by the UAE and Egypt.

A Mutual Threatening

The Turkish position came about three weeks after Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi said that " Sirte and Al-Jufra region is a red line for his country". On June 23, Sisi waved direct military intervention in Libya if "forces loyal to the Turkish-backed GNA's government continued to advance towards Sirte and Jufra."

Situation : GNA forces are preparing to start a military operation to control the city of Sirte and Al-Jufra air base unless Haftar's forces withdraw,"

LNA forces are preparing to defend the city of Sirte and Al-Jufra air base

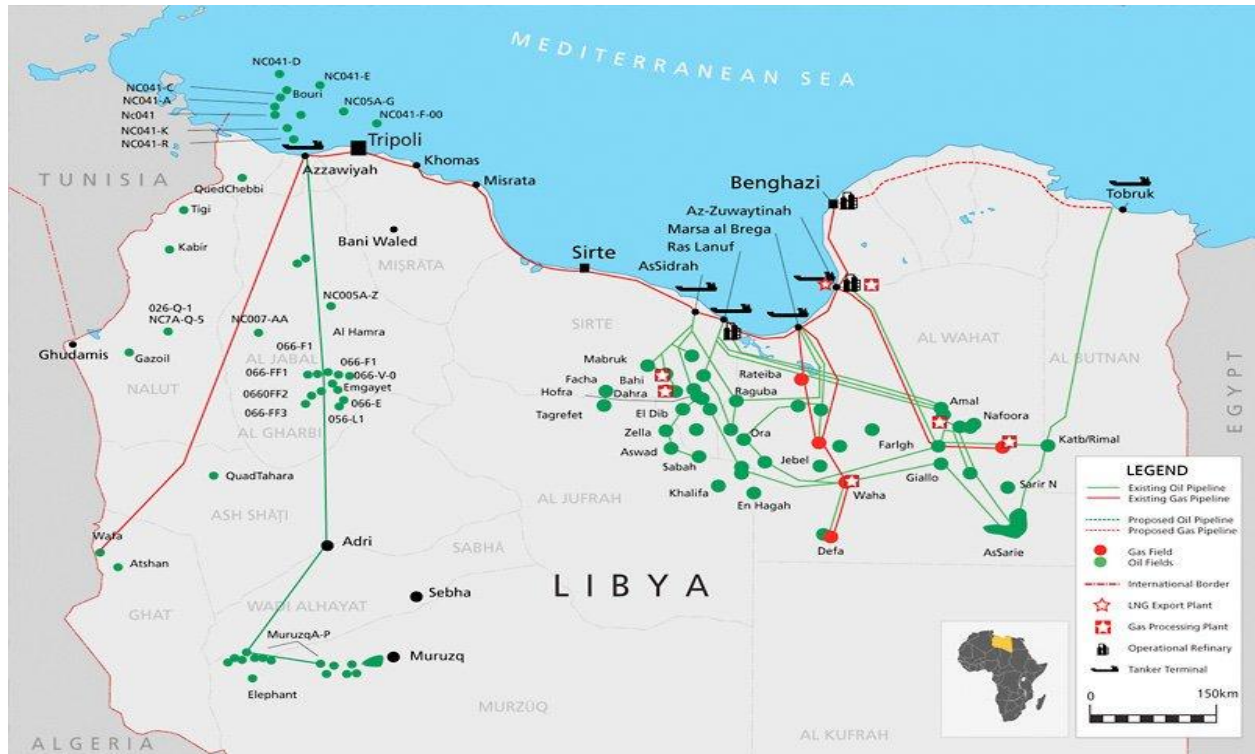




What is the importance of Al-Jufra Air Base and why does Turkey insist on taking it and why does Egypt consider it a red line and will not allow the Al-Sarraj government to control it?

The Crescent Oil Gate : the city of Sirte and Al-Jufra line represents the gateway to control of the oil crescent- region, which includes oil fields and export terminals. The Crescent Petroleum is an oil basin located on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and extends along 205 km from Tobruk in the east to Sidra in the west, and is considered the richest oil region in the country. It was completely dominated by Khalifa Haftar's forces in September 2016.

The area between the cities of Sirte and Benghazi contains 80% of Libya's oil and gas reserves, estimated at more than 45 billion barrels of oil, and 52 trillion cubic feet of gas. Among the largest oil fields are Al-sarir ,Al-Nafoora and El-Waha that produce about 60% of the oil. The largest refining complexes and export ports to the world are also located there like Ras Sidrah , Ras Lanouf and Al-Brega



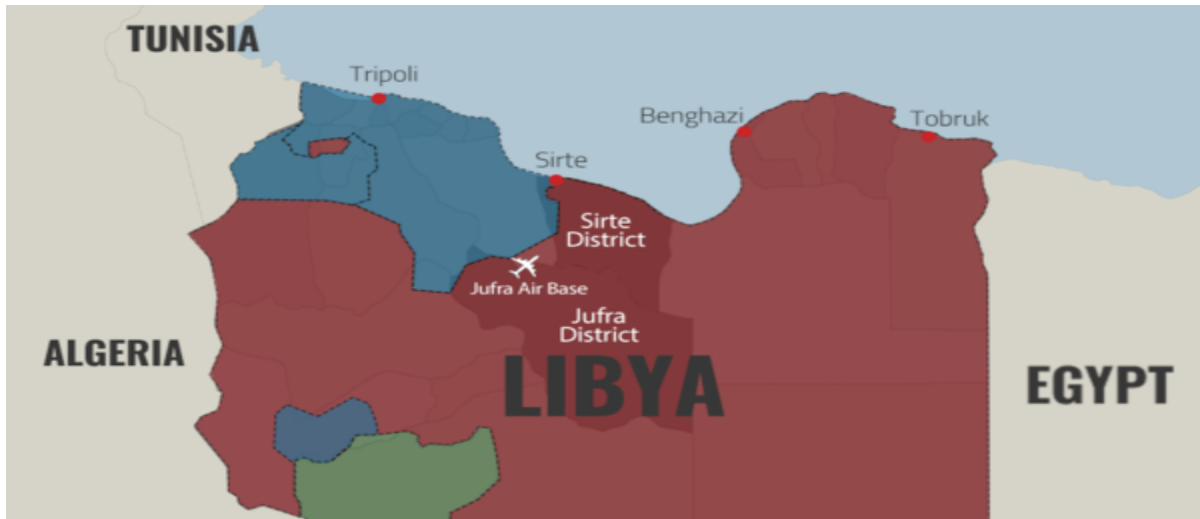
Sirte City

- 1- The city of Sirte (450 km east of Tripoli) located in the middle between the largest two cities in Libya the capital Tripoli and Benghazi
- 2- The importance of the strategic location for city of Sirte that it is located north of the Al-Jufra air base (650 km southeast of Tripoli), and is separated from it only by an open road that does not exceed 300 km, which is not a long distance on the military scale of fighting in the desert.
- 3- The nearest oil port (Sidra) is only 150 km away from it.



Al-Jafra Area

A region of great importance and strategic location, which is located in the center of Libya and connects the south to the north and cities to each other through a major road network.



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As for the Al-Jufra air base, it is one of the largest air bases in the country, located 300 km south of Sirte. The base is characterized by its strong modern infrastructure, and it can receive the latest combat aircraft, separated from the city of Sirte only by an open road that does not exceed 300 km. The base also includes a major operations room for the Libyan National Army{LNA}

A brief history about Al-Jufra Air Force Base :

The base dates back to the late sixties of the last century and was in the early eighties includes modern fighter planes at the time, including MiG-25 and Tu-22 bombers, in addition to Italian-made G-222 military transport aircraft and Russian-made Antonov 26 military transport aircraft.





Al-Jufra base was bombed by French forces in 2011 under a Security Council resolution that authorized military intervention in Libya and two months later, al-Qaeda was hit by air strikes again.

The base includes a large number of aircraft wards and hangars, in addition to a runway of reinforced concrete 4 km long and sixty meters wide. Some aircraft belonging to the late Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi are still left in their shelters, such as the Tu-22.

Haftar's forces took control of Al-Jafra in 2017, with little fighting, and began modernizing the strategic military base and set up an advanced operations room to manage military operations towards the capital, Tripoli, before his forces withdrew from it a few months ago .



IN Conclusion :

There is no doubt that the presence of AL-Jufra air base near the Libyan Oil Crescent gives those who control it the ability to protect oil production and export facilities located east of the city of Sirte, where the oil ports are located at Ras Lanuf, Sidra, Marsa El-Brega and Zoitina, in addition to 11 pipelines to transport oil and 3 pipelines to transport gas.

City of Sirte is the back base for any attack on the oil ports from the west, so the Libyan National Army is committed to defending it to secure the oil Crescent, which represents more than 60% of Libya's oil exports, and in return control of Sirte and then the oil ports is a primary goal of the Government of national accord {GNA} backed by turkish forces & Mercenaries forces gathered from syria were crawling towards the city of Sirte .

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