The Complexity of Achieving Stability in Sirte, Libya

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Turkish hospitals along the Syrian border filwith wounded ISIS fighters, doctors claim.

ISIS fighter Ahmad Al H. in Sanliurfa Akcakal hospital, Turkey











Evolution of Research

This paper conducts a stakeholder's analysis of Libya from the perspective of USAFRICOM. The paper then recommends preliminary steps toward stability and order in Sirte, based on the understanding gained through the use of a stakeholder's analysis.

Methodology

Secondary Sources: Literature review

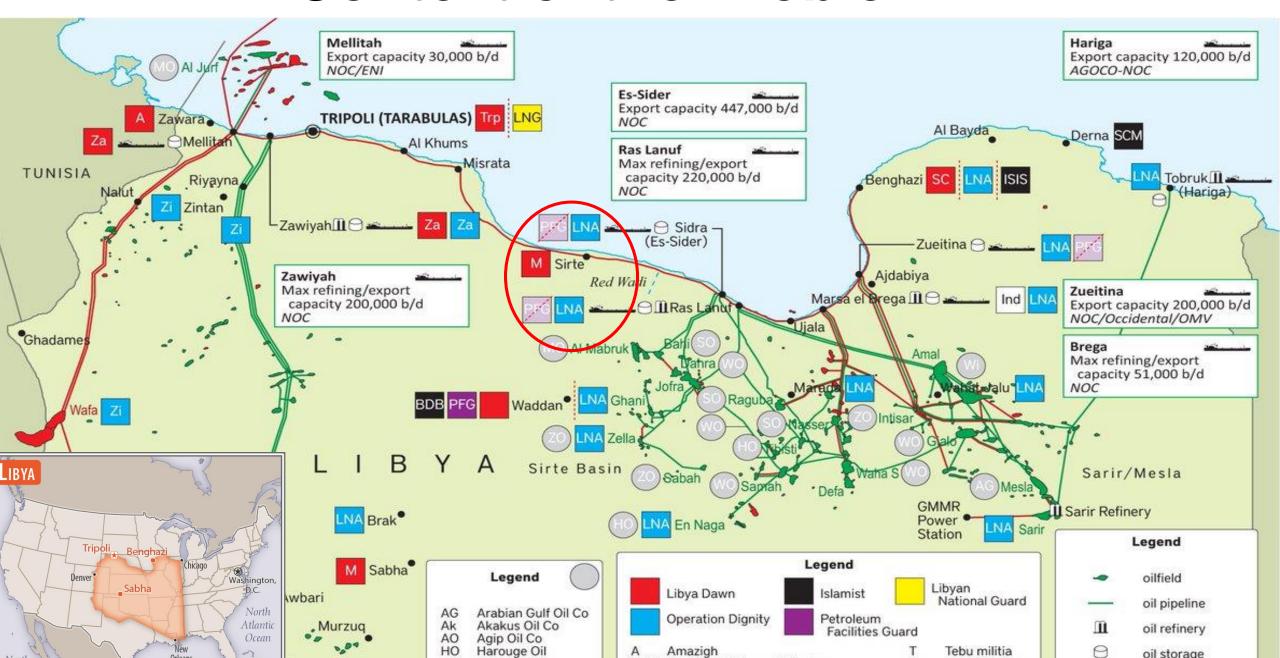
- Recent history of Libya Since Qaddafi
- International Humanitarian Law
- Underpinnings of stabilization
- Phases and programs

Primary Sources: Interviews

22 current and recently deployed USSOCOM personnel

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Context of the Problem



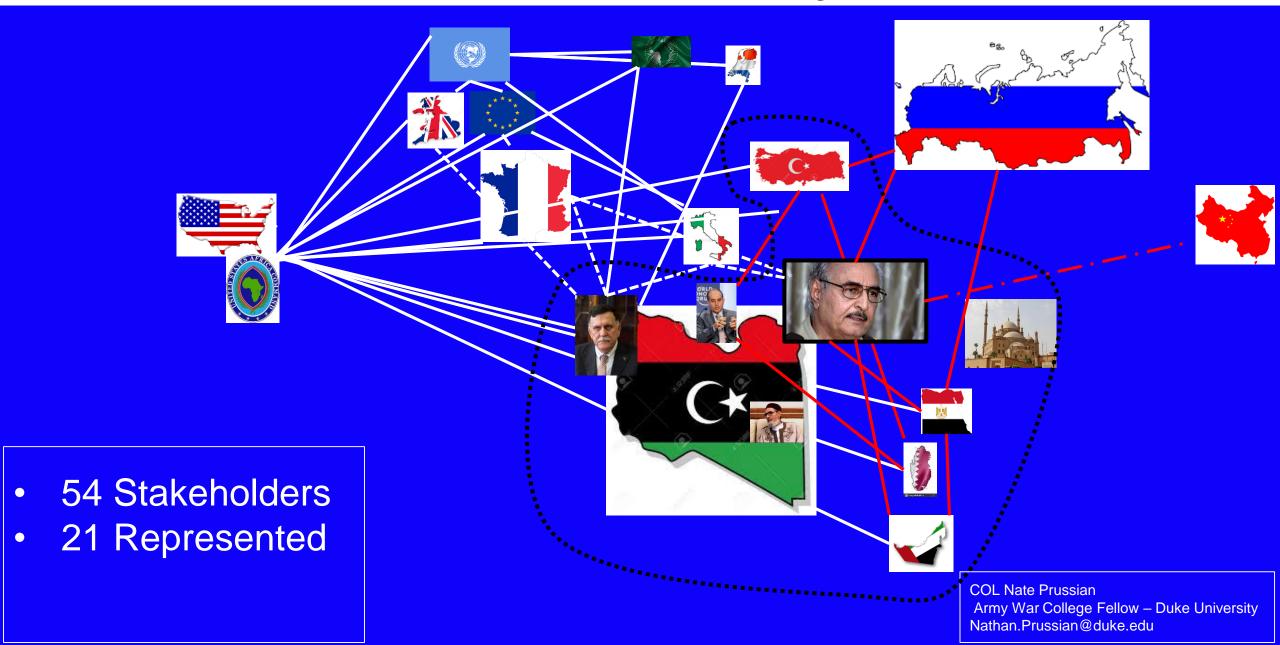


The Problem

Libya can't extricate itself from its national crisis. Too many factors are pulling it apart, and there is no entity unifying the country nor efforts toward stability.

Without a unified approach leading to stability there is a predictable outcome, Libya will slip further into chaos and city-state warfare.

Stakeholders Analysis



Main Causes

- People of Sirte ostracized
- Lack of internal and external political unification
- Ineffective humanitarian programs
- Perceived indifference toward the situation

Economic predation

Policy Recommendations

- Gain access to Sirte
 - Bolster ERW programs
 - Coordinated NATO security training
- Establish HA coordination mechanism supporting the GNA
 - CMOC established in Tripoli
 - Direction, monitoring, coordination
 - US legitimacy to the GNA
 - Coalition

Policy Recommendations

Tribal engagement

- Start with Qaddafah and Warfallah
- Commit to a long-term and increasingly senior engagement
- Promote the idea the GNA must be inclusive to these tribes
- Key to mitigating the spawn of jihadism