PROJECTOR SLIDE

The Drone War over Tripoli

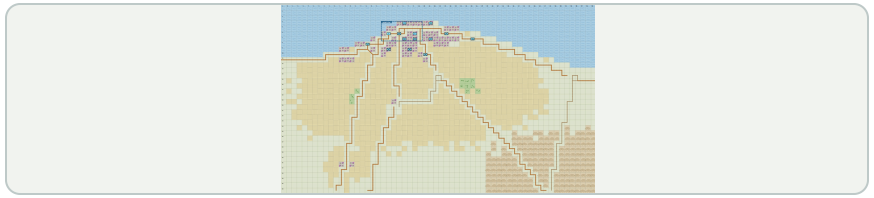
Tripoli and its southern approaches, Tripoli District, north west Libya · 4 April 2019 to 5 June 2020

Learning objectives

- Compare the UN Panel's description of Turkey-supplied TB2s with BBC's investigated UAE-operated Wing Loong II case. Distinguish those attributed findings from the run's authored rosters and supplies; they are not a complete operator or aircraft inventory.
- Analyse the UN Panel's account of Turkish naval and ground air defence, intelligence support and reinforcement in early 2020. Separate that campaign assessment from this run's simplified drone, air-defence and jamming counters.
- Evaluate how investigators tied strikes in a crowded city to an aircraft type and an operator, and why the answer matters for accountability.



Scenario illustration · AI generated



Student map · own side only · Simulation situation map · reconstructed terrain and estimated deployments; not verified historical positions.

Run and debrief

8 minutes 0 seconds at 1×. Hold central Tripoli through all four waves. Keep GNA units in the city centre, use your TB2s to find and strike the LNA columns, guns and air defence before they reach the southern suburbs, and keep Mitiga airport working.

Which result differed from history, and what evidence or model assumption explains it?

Atrocity notice · 2021-10-04 · UN Fact-Finding Mission: crimes against humanity and war crimes in Libya since 2016

These reports describe the wider conflict. They do not establish that every crime occurred in this modeled battle.

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