

Militant attack kills 9 troops at Khalifa Haftar's army base

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The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack. (Representational/ Reuters)

Benghazi: Libyan officials say militants have killed at least nine soldiers in an attack on a training camp for the self-styled Libyan National Army in the country's southwestern desert.

The officials said militants clashed Saturday with guards near an air base seized earlier this year by the LNA in the town of Sabha. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to media.

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Sabha is 650 kilometers (400 miles) south of the capital, Tripoli, where Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar's LNA forces are currently fighting to take control of the city from militias affiliated with a weak U.N.-supported government.

The UN humanitarian agency said Friday that the month-long assault on Tripoli has displaced nearly 55,000 people.

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