

Syrian town braces for army assault

Jisr al-Shughour is bracing for a military crackdown after Syrian authorities said 120 security personnel had been killed by "armed gangs" in the town. It is the first report of large-scale clashes in the uprising against President Bashar al-Assad

Jisr al-Shughour
Pop: Around 50,000


TURKEY: Dozens of Syrians crossing border for hospital treatment for wounds received in clashes with Syrian forces

Ariha: Army tanks and troop carriers backed by helicopters reported to be on move



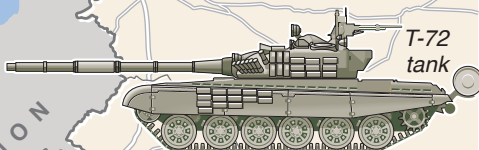
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■ Residents and opposition activists dispute official version of events, saying casualties followed mutiny among forces sent to quell civilian protests

 Troops and tanks deployed since start of uprising in March

Golan Heights
(Israeli occupied)

ISRAEL



Islamist uprising in Jisr al-Shughour in 1980 against late President Hafez al-Assad was brutally crushed

 **Damascus**

 **Dera'a**

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50km
30 miles