

# Syrian conflict risks escalating across border

The Syrian conflict is becoming increasingly militarised with clashes between Syrian troops and army defectors now spilling across the Lebanese border, where farmers were attacked and a Syrian man killed

TURKEY

**"Free Syrian Army"** – boasting 10,000 military defectors – in clashes with government troops

80km

50 miles



Latakia

Rebel **Khaled bin al-Walid Battalion** expelled

LEBANON

Damascus

Aleppo

Jebel al-Zawiya

Hama

Rastan

Homs

**Incursions – Akkar province:** Troops and tanks enter Lebanese territory

40km

25 miles

Around 5,000 Syrians have sought refuge in Lebanon

Beirut

Tripoli

LEBANON

Baalbek

Damascus

ISRAEL

**Arsal, Bekaa:**  
Syrian man shot dead in firefight