

Syrian rebels threaten to escalate attacks

The commander of Syria's armed rebels has threatened to increase attacks on President Bashar al-Assad's forces, saying he was frustrated with Arab League monitors' lack of progress in ending a nine-month government crackdown on protests



Rebel *Free Syrian Army* (FSA) "battalion" locations



In city



In province

FSA headquarters based in Turkey's Hatay province

TURKEY

Qamishli

Hasaka

100km
60 miles

Raqqah

Aleppo

Idlib

Hama

Homs

Baniyas

Jableh

Latakia

Jisr al-Shughour

Mediterranean Sea

LEBANON

Golan Heights
(Israeli-occupied)

Damascus

ISRAEL

Deraa

As Suwayda

JORDAN

FSA flag



Rebels commanded by **Colonel Riad al-Asaad** (right). FSA claims to have over 20,000 deserters in its ranks, organized into 22 battalions

