

Who's who in Syrian opposition

SYRIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL

Main umbrella group in exile in Turkey includes democracy activists, Kurds, Islamists and tribal leaders. Formed Nov 2011, aims to support revolution and overthrow Assad

SNC leader **Burhan Ghalioun** rejects dialogue with Assad, urging international community to "protect Syrian people"

MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

Exiled leader **Mohammad Riad Shaqfa**, seeks non-violent democratic change to replace regime with plural system. Group does not want Islamic state in Syria

Armed uprising by Brotherhood in Hama put down by President **Hafez al-Assad** in 1982 – 20,000 killed

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Formed September 2011, led by veteran opposition figure **Hussein Abdul Azim**. Made up of opposition blocs inside Syria itself, calls for peaceful change

NCC vehemently opposes foreign involvement and favours negotiating with regime without preconditions

FREE SYRIAN ARMY

Formed August 2011 by army defectors and led by former air force colonel **Riyad al-Asad**. Has launched increasingly audacious attacks on Syrian security forces

Based in Turkey, FSA faces challenge from **Supreme Military Council**, new military body set up under most senior defecting officer, **General Mohammed al-Sheikh**

KURDISH PARTIES

Kurds, accounting for about 9% of Syria's population, have several rival parties, all of which are officially banned

Syrian Kurdish leaders in exile, including head of Kurdish Democratic Party in Syria, **Abdul-Hakim Bashar**, want referendum after eventual fall of Assad to decide on their people's future as part of Syria