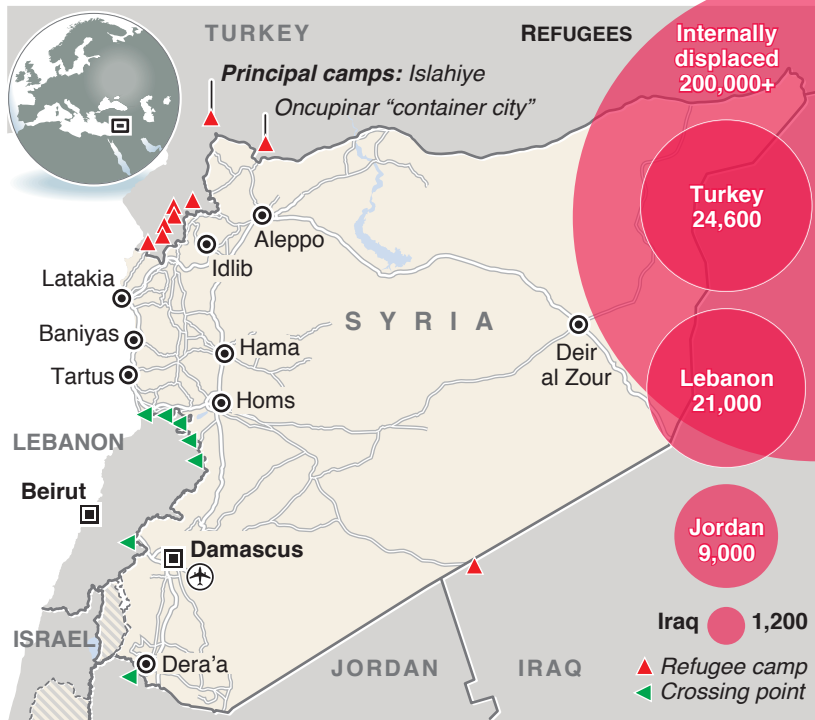


Major jump in Syria refugee numbers

The number of people fleeing Syria's escalating violence has leapt by 40% in recent weeks, with around 55,000 people – the majority aged under 18 – seeking refuge in neighbouring countries



UN APPEAL: \$84 million raised to support 97,000 refugees for up to six months, with contingency for up to 205,000 people

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