

# Obama authorises support for Syrian rebels

President Barack Obama is alleged to have signed a secret order authorising the CIA and other U.S. agencies to provide support for rebels seeking to depose Syrian President Bashar al-Assad

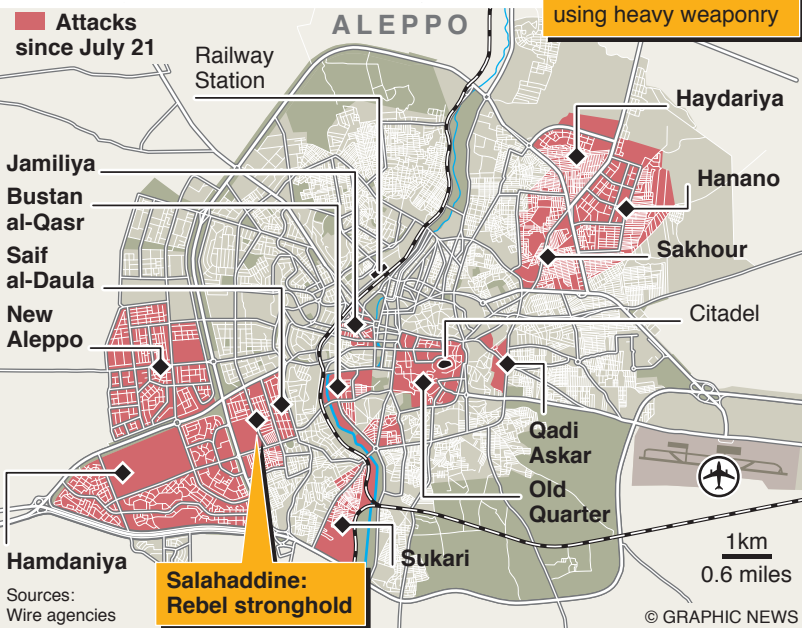
**Adana:** U.S. collaborating with secret command centre set up by Turkey and allies, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, to help direct military and communication support to rebels

**Anadan:** Rebel-held checkpoint offers direct supply route to Turkish border, from where rebels are reported to have received two dozen surface-to-air missiles

**MANPADs**



**Aug 2, Menagh army base:** Attacked with captured tank in one of first instances of rebels using heavy weaponry



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