

Recent defections from the Syrian regime



■ **Aug 6:** Prime Minister **Riad Farid Hijab** (above left) defects to Jordan with his family. Premier Hijab joins opposition **Syrian National Council**

■ **Aug 4:** General **Muhammed Faris**, first Syrian in space, flees to Turkey

■ **Jul 30:** **Mohammad Hussam Hafez**, Syrian consul in Armenia, defects to opposition

■ **Jul 30:** **Khaled al-Ayoubi**, Syria's top diplomat in London, defects

■ **Jul 30:** Deputy police chief in western Syrian city of Latakia flees to Turkey, bringing number of generals defecting to over 20

■ **Jul 28:** **Farouk Taha**, Ambassador to Belarus, joins **Free Syrian Army**

■ **Jul 26:** **Ikhlas al-Badawi**, Aleppo MP and Assad loyalist, defects to Turkey with her children

■ **Jul 26:** **Mohammad Tahseen Faqir**, Syrian military attaché in Oman, quits regime citing massacres committed by Assad forces

■ **Jul 24-25:** **Lamia al-Hariri**, Syria's chargé d'affaires in Cyprus, and husband **Abdelatif al-Dabbagh**, ambassador to UAE, defect to Qatar

■ **Jul 16:** Maj Gen **Adnan Silu**, former head of Syria's chemical weapons programme, defects to Free Syrian Army

■ **Jul 11:** **Nawaf Fares**, ambassador to Iraq, defects to Qatar

■ **Early July:** **Manaf Tlass** (above right) – Brigadier General of Syrian Republican Guard – defects to France. **A close confidant of President Assad, Tlass is seen as possible transitional leader**