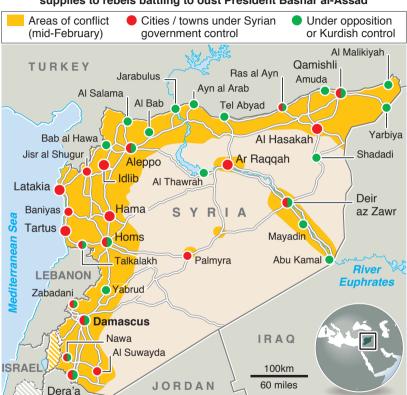
U.S. steps up support for Syria's opposition

The Obama administration is to provide Syria's opposition with an additional \$60 million in assistance and — in a significant policy shift will for the first time send non-lethal aid such as food and medical supplies to rebels battling to oust President Bashar al-Assad



- U.S. has already provided \$385 million in humanitarian aid to Syria's population. Syria's political
- opposition has also received \$54 million in communications equipment, medical supplies and other non-lethal aid
- > Additional \$60 million will go to Assad's political opposition. Rations and medical supplies will be delivered to rebels through their military council, and distributed only to carefully vetted members of Free Svrian Army