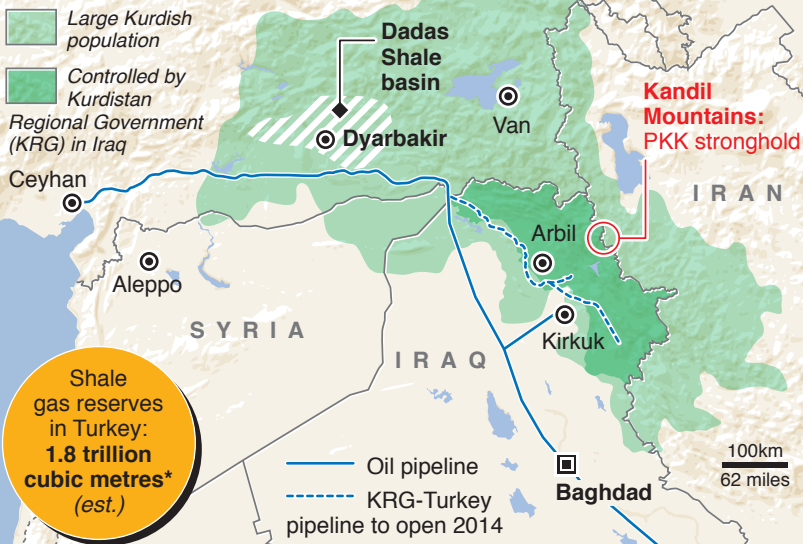


# PKK chief to declare ceasefire

Jailed Kurdish rebel leader *Abdullah Ocalan* is to make a "historic" appeal, raising expectations of a ceasefire in the nearly 30-year conflict that has split Turkey, battered its economy, and killed more than 40,000 people

**POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT ROADMAP:** PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) ceasefire from March 21, withdrawal of fighters to northern Iraq and eventual disarmament in return for greater rights for Kurds

**Ocalan:**  
PKK leader,  
in Turkish  
custody since  
his capture in  
Kenya in 1999



Turkey hopes to find enough shale gas reserves to reduce dependence on energy imports, with **Dadas Shale basin** seen as hot prospect

Turkey is also major trading partner for KRG, importing crude oil in exchange for diesel, and exporting grains and construction materials