

Syrian chemical weapons allegations



Chemical agent production



Storage facility

TURKEY



Areas of conflict

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Nicosia
CYPRUS

Latakia

Aleppo

Al Safir

Hama

Homs

Al Furqlus

Dumayr

Khan Abu Shamati

Damascus

LEBANON

SYRIA

ISRAEL

JORDAN

IRAQ

100km
60 miles

1 Dec 23, Homs: Alleged chemical weapon attack by Syrian forces kills six, injures 70

2 Mar 19, Ataybah: Alleged chemical weapon attack

3 Mar 19, Khan al-Assal: Attack at chlorine-gas production plant leaves 31 dead, including 10 government soldiers

Mar 21: Syria asks United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to investigate Khan al-Assal attack. Russia endorses request

Mar 25: British and French tell UN that soil samples and interviews with witnesses suggest government forces used chemical shells

Mar 26: Ban Ki-moon appoints Swedish chemical weapons expert professor Ake Sellstrom to head UN fact-finding mission to Syria

Apr 23: Israeli military's top intelligence analyst, Brigadier-General Itai Brun, claims Syria has used chemical weapons, probably nerve agent sarin

Ake Sellstrom

Team of 15 investigators includes analytical chemists and World Health Organisation experts



Apr 25: White House says it believes "with varying degrees of confidence" that Syrian government has used chemical weapons. British Foreign Office echoes White House

4 Apr 29: Fact-finding mission stuck in Cyprus while Syria argues with UN over scope of investigation