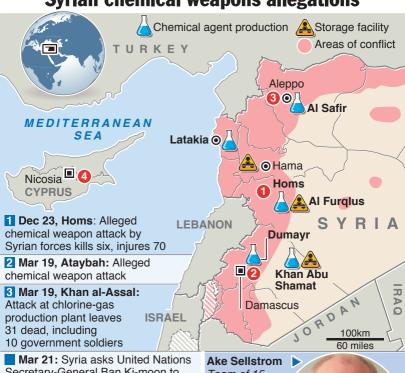
## Syrian chemical weapons allegations



- 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

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