


Battle for control of Qusair

Control of Qusair – a strategic town on a key rebel supply route from Lebanon to Homs – would give the Syrian government access from Damascus to the coastal enclave that is the heartland of President Assad's Alawite sect

 Largely Alawite area

Hermel: Shells fired by rebels hit town in Bekaa valley – Hezbollah stronghold

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UK-based activist group **Syrian Observatory for Human Rights** says 23 elite Hezbollah fighters have been killed and about 70 injured

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