

# U.S.-Russia deal on Syria chemical crisis

**Aug 21:** Suspected chemical weapons attack in Ghouta area of Syria's capital Damascus

**Aug 24:** U.S., Britain and France prepare for military strike against Syrian President **Bashar al-Assad**

**Aug 29:** British Prime Minister **David Cameron** loses vital parliamentary vote to approve UK's participation in U.S.-led strike

**Sep 9:** In off-hand remark U.S. Secretary of State **John Kerry** suggests that Assad could avoid military strike by placing entire chemical weapons stockpile under international control

**Sep 10:** Obama puts plans for military action on hold

**Sep 12:** Kerry and Lavrov begin talks in Geneva on proposal to put Syria's chemical weapons under international control

## DEADLINES FOR DAMASCUS

■ **By Sep 20:** Syria must submit "**comprehensive listing**" of its chemical weapons stocks

■ **By Nov:** Completion of initial on-site inspections of declared sites plus destruction of production and mixing/filling equipment

■ **By Jun 2014:** All chemical weapons material and equipment must be destroyed or removed from Syria



**Aug 26:** UN weapons inspectors in Damascus begin investigation into alleged attack

**Aug 31:** American President **Barack Obama** announces he will seek congressional approval for military action in Syria



**Sep 9:** Russian Foreign Minister **Sergei Lavrov** seizes opportunity and proposes Kerry initiative to Syria. **Damascus agrees**



**Sep 14:** After 36 hours of high-stakes diplomacy led by Kerry (left) and Lavrov (right), United States and Russia agree "**framework for elimination of Syrian chemical weapons**"