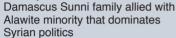
Key players at Syria's peace talks

GOVERNMENT

Walid Muallem Assad's foreign minister

Tough and experienced diplomat from wealthy



■ Government delegation includes Deputy Foreign Minister *Faisal Meqdad* (1), presidential adviser *Bouthaina Shaaban* (2), Information minister *Omran Zoabi* (3), Syria's UN envoy *Bashar Jaafari* (4)



OPPOSITION

Ahmad Jarba
President of
National
Coalition –
Western-backed
opposition
coalition in exile



Former political prisoner and influential tribal figure who enjoys close links with Saudi Arabia

■ Others include Christian opposition campaigner *Michel Kilo* (1), former National Council president *Burhan Ghalioun* (2), activist *Suheir Atassi* (3), *Anas al-Abdah* (4), from younger generation of pragmatic Islamists



















■ Talks led by UN's *Ban Ki-moon* (1), with representatives from 30 nations, including UN-Arab League envoy *Lakhdar Brahimi* (2), U.S. Secretary of State *John Kerry* (3), and Russia's Foreign Minister *Sergey Lavrov* (4)

Invitation to Iran revoked after Tehran refused to back process to form Syrian transitional government

