

Key players at Syria's peace talks

GOVERNMENT

Walid Muallem
Assad's foreign minister

Tough and experienced diplomat from wealthy Damascus Sunni family allied with Alawite minority that dominates Syrian politics



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

■ 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)

■ 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



INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES

■ 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