

Syria stalling on chemical arms deal

Bashar al-Assad's regime retains the vast majority of its chemical arsenal, can probably produce biological weapons and has restored the pace of its missile production to pre-war levels, says the U.S. government



CHEMICAL WEAPONS:

Assad committed to destruction of Syria's chemical weapons under U.S.-Russian deal reached last September. **But U.S. says less than 5% of 1,300 tonnes of toxic agents, due to be removed, has been shipped out for destruction**



BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS:

America's spy agencies believe Syria's programme is sufficiently advanced for scientists to create biological weapons from existing viruses

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

 **Missile facilities**



Masyaf

Tartus

Hama

Homs

Facilities moved to Masyaf to prevent opposition forces taking control

MISSILES:

Regime upgrading capacity of missiles and rockets, circumventing international sanctions, with assistance from Iran, North Korea and Belarus

Scud-D

Range: 300km
Warhead: 500kg

Jabal Taqsis: Base for project in partnership with North Korea to improve **Scud-D** missile capabilities

M-600 Tashreen

Range: 250km
Warhead: 450kg

Damascus

50km

30 miles

