

# U.S. to equip Syrian rebels to call airstrikes

The U.S. is to provide moderate Syrian rebels with pickup trucks equipped with machine guns and radios for calling in U.S. airstrikes. The U.S. also plans to provide training to rebels fighting on two fronts against Islamic State militants and the Syrian regime

**B-1B Lancer:** Long-range heavy bomber

500-lb and 2,000-lb guided bombs

## TRAINING

More than 400 U.S. troops, including special operations forces, to train up to 5,000 Syrian fighters a year for three years at sites in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Qatar and Turkey

**Sniper XR pod:** Electro-optical system allows aircrew to precisely target moving objects

**Kobane:** U.S. airstrikes called in by Kurdish fighters helped drive IS fighters from city

## EQUIPMENT

Teams of 4-6 rebels each given **Toyota Hilux** pickup truck with mounted machine gun, radio and GPS tracker. **Fighters will also be given mortars**



*Training for 2,000 men to begin in Turkey in mid-March*