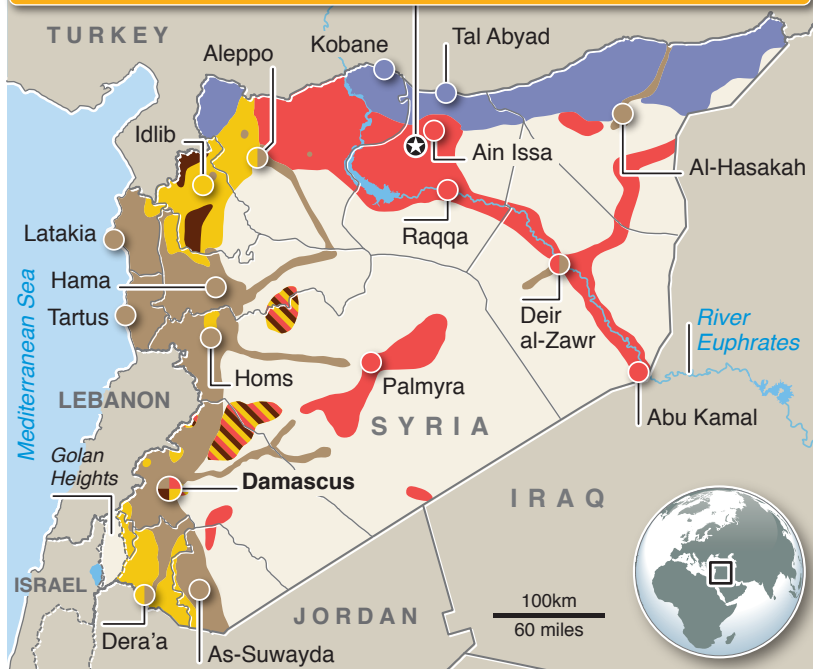


# Kurds take Syrian base near IS stronghold

Kurdish fighters and their allies have captured a key Syrian military base once held by the so-called Islamic State (IS) group, moving to within 50km of the extremists' de facto capital of Raqqa

**Jun 22, Liwa 93:** Kurdish forces – backed by U.S.-led airstrikes and other rebels – take army base and enter town of **Ain Issa**. Move further squeezes IS, who lost major supply line when Kurds took **Tal Abyad** on Jun 16



## AREAS OF CONTROL (Jun 19)

Syrian regime

Islamic State group (IS)

Jabhat al-Nusra (al-Qaeda affiliated)

Other rebel groups

Kurdish People's Protection Units