

Syrian rebels advance on Assad heartland

The insurgent advance into the Sahl al-Ghab plain has brought rebels to the eastern edge of mountains that form the historical heartland of President Assad's Alawite sect

Aug 12: 48-hour ceasefire agreed between rebels and pro-Assad forces in regime-held towns



Mediterranean Sea

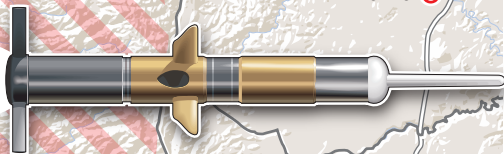
Qardaha: Assad's ancestral village

Rebels using wire-guided anti-tank (TOW) missiles supplied in large numbers by allied regional powers since March

U.S.-made TOW

Range: **3,000-3,750m**

Penetration: Up to **800mm**



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