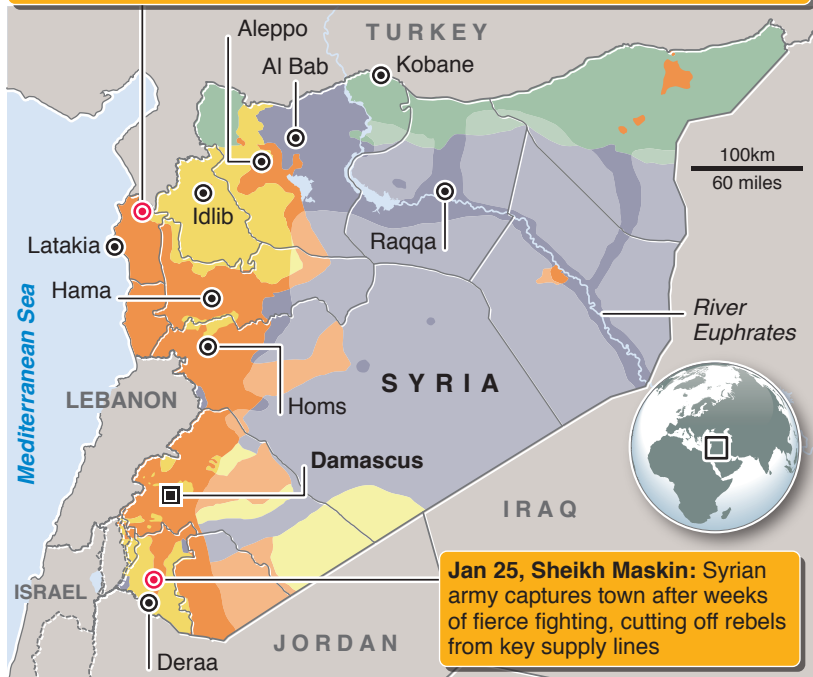


Syrian army pushing back rebel forces

Syrian government troops backed by Russian airstrikes are forcing rebels into retreat on several fronts, as talks to end the nearly five-year-old civil war hang in the balance

Jan 24, Rabiya: Syrian government forces overrun last major rebel-held town in coastal province of Latakia, paving way for advance up to Turkish border



APPROXIMATE AREAS OF CONTROL (as of January 18)

Lighter colours indicate low level of control over countryside

Orange box: Syrian government and allies

Yellow box: Rebel groups

Purple box: Islamic State (IS) group / Daesh

Green box: Kurdish forces