

# Thousands flee regime advances in Syria

Tens of thousands of refugees are streaming towards Turkey as Syrian government forces, backed by Russian airstrikes, press home their attacks against rebel fighters around the city of Aleppo

**Approximate areas of control:** As of February 5

- Syrian army and allies
- Areas captured by Syrian army, Feb 2-5
- So-called Islamic State (Daesh)
- Rebels
- Kurdish forces

**Feb 5, Bab al-Salam:** Up to 70,000 refugees massed at border crossing after fleeing fighting in Aleppo

**Feb 3:** Syrian forces sever main supply route from Turkish border, cutting off rebels in Aleppo and lifting long-running siege of Shia villages of Nubl and Zahraa

