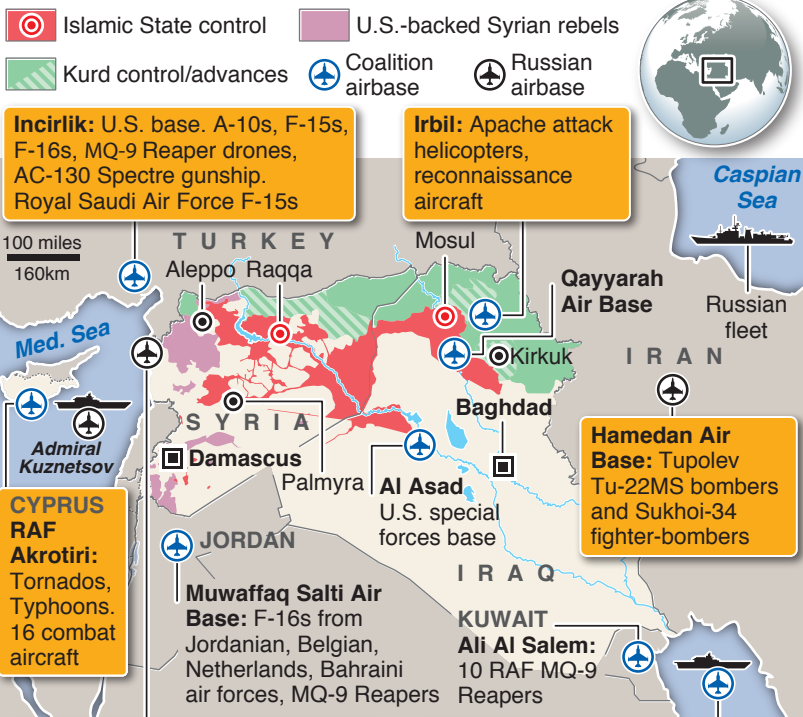


A year of Russian airstrikes in Syria

One year ago President Vladimir Putin launched air strikes in Syria in support of long-time ally President Bashar al-Assad



Khmeimim: Russian airbase with 50-plus aircraft. Sukhoi Su-24s, Su-25s, Su-34s. Mi-24 helicopter gunships and Mi-8 support helicopters, T-90 tanks, BTR-82s

Persian Gulf: USS Dwight D. Eisenhower carrier strike group, with F/A-18 Hornet warplanes, deployed in support of **Operation Inherent Resolve**



2014-16, Operation Inherent Resolve: U.S.-led coalition has conducted 15,310 airstrikes against IS in Syria and Iraq (to Sep 28, 2016)

Sep 30, 2015: Kremlin launches airstrikes from **Khmeimim Air Base**, against so-called Islamic State (IS). U.S.-backed rebel groups are also hit

Oct 7: Russian warships in Caspian Sea fire cruise missiles

Oct 20: Assad visits Moscow. Syrian president's first official foreign visit since civil war erupted in 2011

Nov 14: Russia, U.S., France, and Iran meet in Vienna to agree timeline for peace plan

Nov 24: Turkish F-16s shoot down Russian Su-24 warplane

Feb 1, 2016: Syria and Russia launch offensive in Aleppo province

Mar 27: Syrian army, backed by Russian airstrikes, liberates ancient city of Palmyra from IS

Aug 16: Russia mounts airstrikes from **Hamedan Air Base** in Iran

Sep 19: Week-long truce collapses

Sep 21: Russian aircraft carrier **Admiral Kuznetsov** deployed to eastern Mediterranean

Sep 22: Syria and Russia launch blitz to retake rebel zones in Aleppo city using bunker-buster bombs