



U.S. and Russian forces in the Middle East


 **Whiteman Air Force Base:** Missouri-based, ultra long-range **B-2 stealth bombers** can reach Syria and Iran with help of squads of **KC-135** and **KC-10** tankers. B-2 can carry **16 JASSMs (Joint Air to Surface Standoff Missiles)**, and satellite-guided "bunker busters"



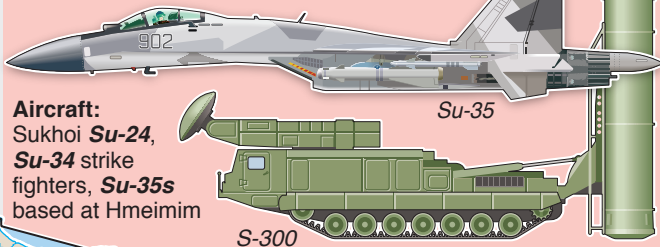
 **Crete:** U.S. naval base at Souda Bay

 **RAF Akrotiri:** **Typhoons** and **Tornados** taking part in Operation Shader against so-called Islamic State

 **Turkey:** U.S. military assets at **Incirlik Air Base** include **F15** warplanes, drones and U.S. troops

 **RUSSIAN MILITARY ASSETS** Advanced **S-300** and **S-400** missile defence systems deployed at Syria bases of **Hmeimim**, **Latakia** and **Tartus**, and Iranian base of **Hamadan**, give Moscow control over much of Syria's airspace

Aircraft: Sukhoi **Su-24**, **Su-34** strike fighters, **Su-35s** based at Hmeimim



Hamadan Air Base: Long-range Russian **Tupolev-22M3**

Russian bases: **Hmeimim**, **Latakia** and **Tartus**

MEDITERRANEAN

Guided missile destroyers from **U.S. Sixth fleet**, each capable of launching up to 90 **Tomahawk** cruise missiles. Russia has sent **Admiral Grigorovich** missile ship to Mediterranean

PERSIAN GULF

U.S. Fifth Fleet headquartered in Bahrain. **USS George H.W. Bush** Carrier Strike Group deployed

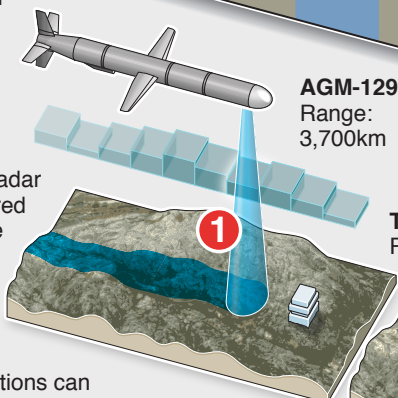
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USS Bataan Amphibious Group conducting theatre Security operations

How cruise missiles find their way to target

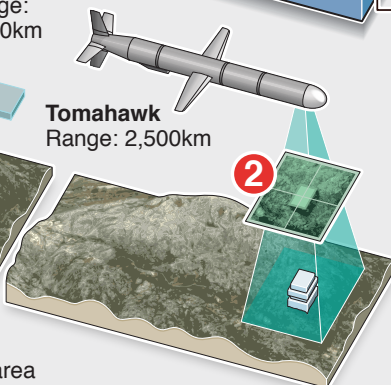
1 TERCOM

(Terrain contour matching): Radar compares stored map reference data to actual terrain to determine missile's position. Course corrections can be made if necessary



AGM-129
Range: 3,700km

Tomahawk
Range: 2,500km



2 DSMAC (Digital Scene Matching Area Correlation):

Terminal guidance in target area compares stored image of target with actual target image

Iran: **Kobani:** Base in Kurdish-controlled Syria expanded to accept U.S. **C-130s** and **C-17** airlifters

Erbil Air Base: U.S. Air Force **C-17** airlifters, **AH-64**, **CH-47F** and **UH-60** helicopters

 **Kuwait:** 332d Air Expeditionary Wing with **F-16s** and drones at **Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base**

 **United Arab Emirates:**

RQ-4 Global Hawk spy planes at **Al Dhafra Air Base**

 **Qatar:** 10,000 U.S. troops, **F-22 Raptors**, **B-52** bombers, **C-17** airlifters at **Al Udeid Air Base**

 **Diego Garcia:** British island territory in Indian Ocean, 6,120km from Damascus. Reports of build-up of **B-1 Lancer** and **B-52** bombers

