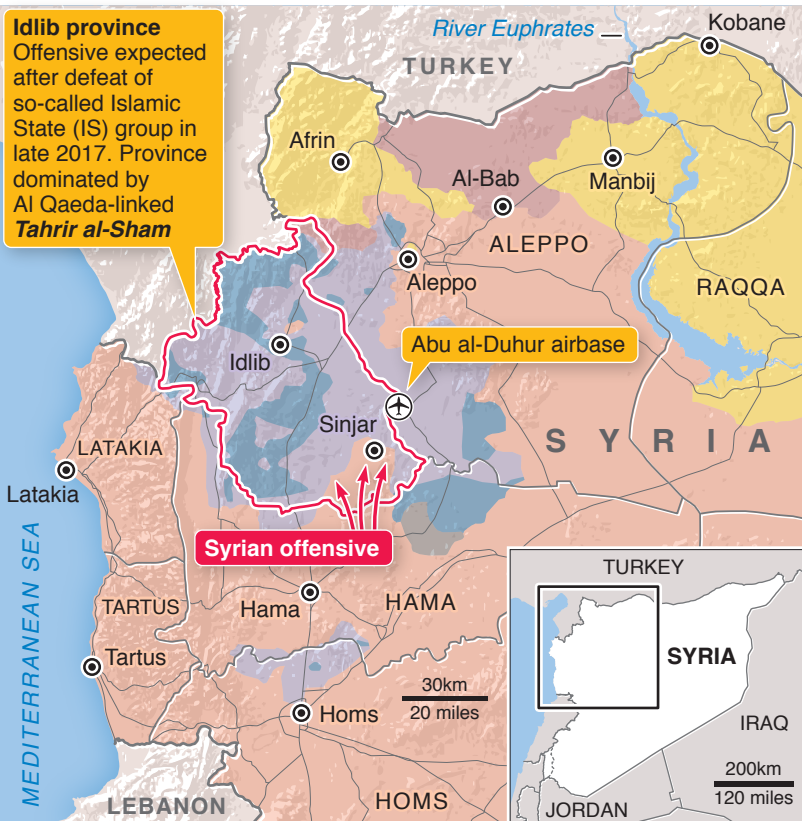


Battle looms for rebel-held Syrian province

Syrian government forces are advancing on the largest remaining rebel-held territory in the country's north, forcing thousands of civilians to flee toward the border with Turkey in freezing winter temperatures

Idlib province

Offensive expected after defeat of so-called Islamic State (IS) group in late 2017. Province dominated by Al Qaeda-linked **Tahrir al-Sham**



Syrian government

Rebel forces

Kurdish militia

Turkey and allies

Tahrir al-Sham

So-called Islamic State