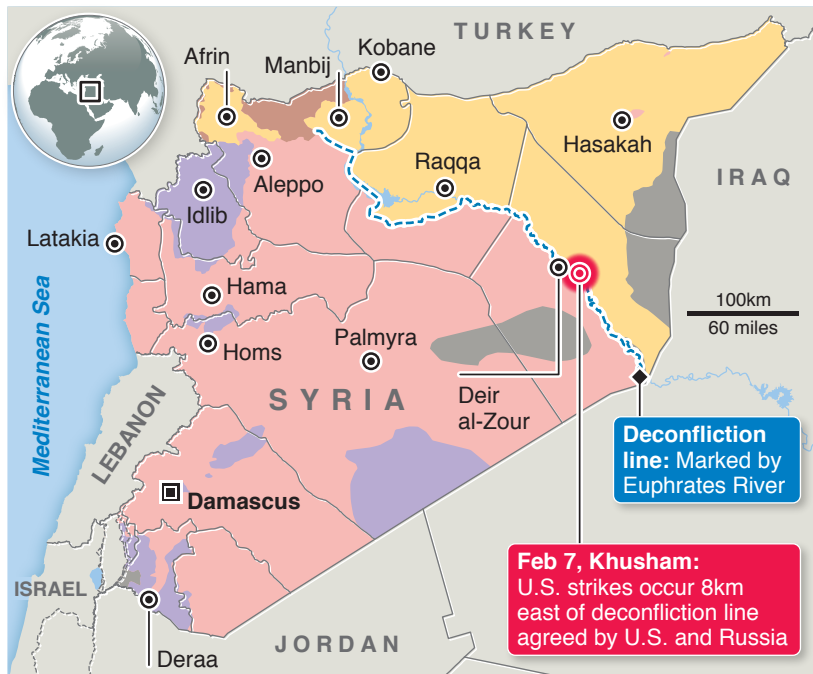


# Russians believed killed in U.S. Syria strikes

**AREAS OF CONTROL** (as of February 14, 2018)

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|  Syrian government and allies |  U.S.-backed Kurdish groups   |
|  Rebels                       |  Turkey and allies            |
|  |  So-called Islamic State (IS) |



**Deconfliction line:** Marked by Euphrates River

**Feb 7, Khusham:**  
U.S. strikes occur 8km east of deconfliction line agreed by U.S. and Russia



## WHAT U.S. SAYS:

It killed more than 100 pro-government fighters in air and artillery strikes launched to repel assault on base held by U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and American advisors



## RUSSIA: Defence Ministry

says no members of its armed forces were in vicinity. Private military company sources say more than 200 contract soldiers – most of them Russian – may have been killed in failed assault