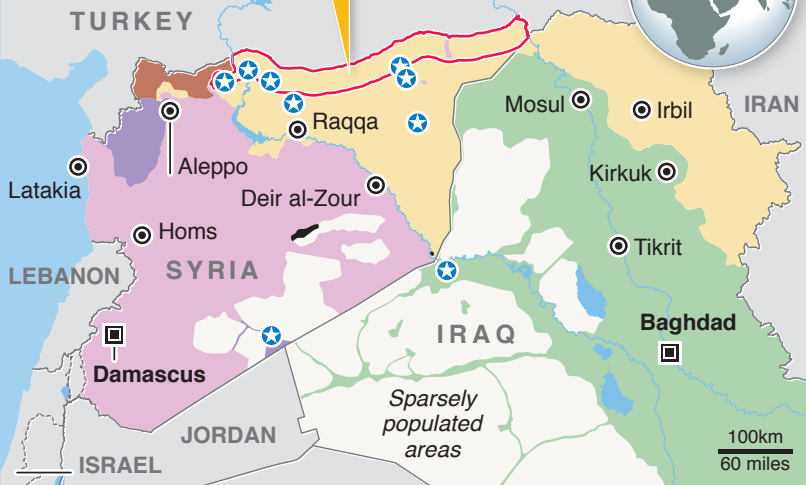


Turkish president pledges Syria “safe zone”

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said that his troops will create a 32km-wide security zone in northern Syria as suggested by U.S. President Donald Trump, as both leaders seek to ease tensions over the fate of Kurdish fighters in the war-torn country

Safe zone: Could extend for more than 400km along Turkish-Syrian border held by Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG), which Turkey views as terrorist group



Areas of control: As of January 7, 2019

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| Syrian government and allies | Syrian opposition forces |
| Kurdish forces | Iraqi government |
| Turkish-backed Syrian rebels and Turkish forces | So-called Islamic State group |
| | U.S. military positions |