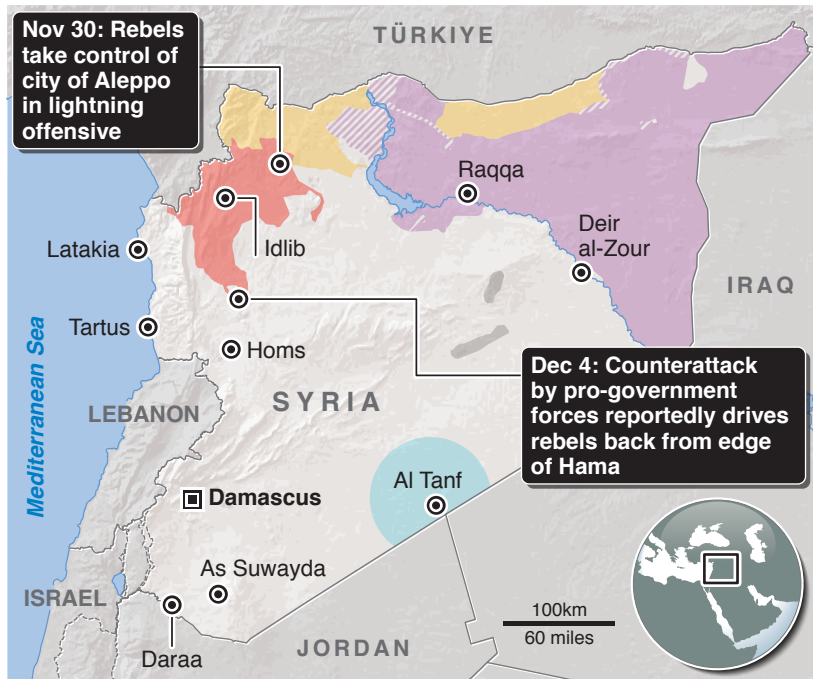


# Syrian forces battle rebel offensive

The Syrian army is locked in fierce fighting with Islamist-led insurgents as President Bashar al-Assad's embattled regime scrambles to halt an opposition advance on the city of Hama

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- Syrian government and allies
- Opposition forces led by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS)
- Turkish-backed Syrian opposition and Turkish military

- Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF)
- Government-SDF contested
- U.S.-declared deconfliction zone
- So-called Islamic State group