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Middle East-North Africa: Situation Update as of 20 August 2012

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Syria/Fighting: The regime is focused on regaining ground in urban areas, and over the weekend fought oppositionists in Aleppo, Damascus, Dair Az Zawr, and Hamah and shelled towns in Idlib, Dar'a, and Homs Provinces. The opposition Local Coordination Committees reported 310 people killed on 18 and 19 August, over 150 per day in the past month. Oppositionists claimed deaths have averaged

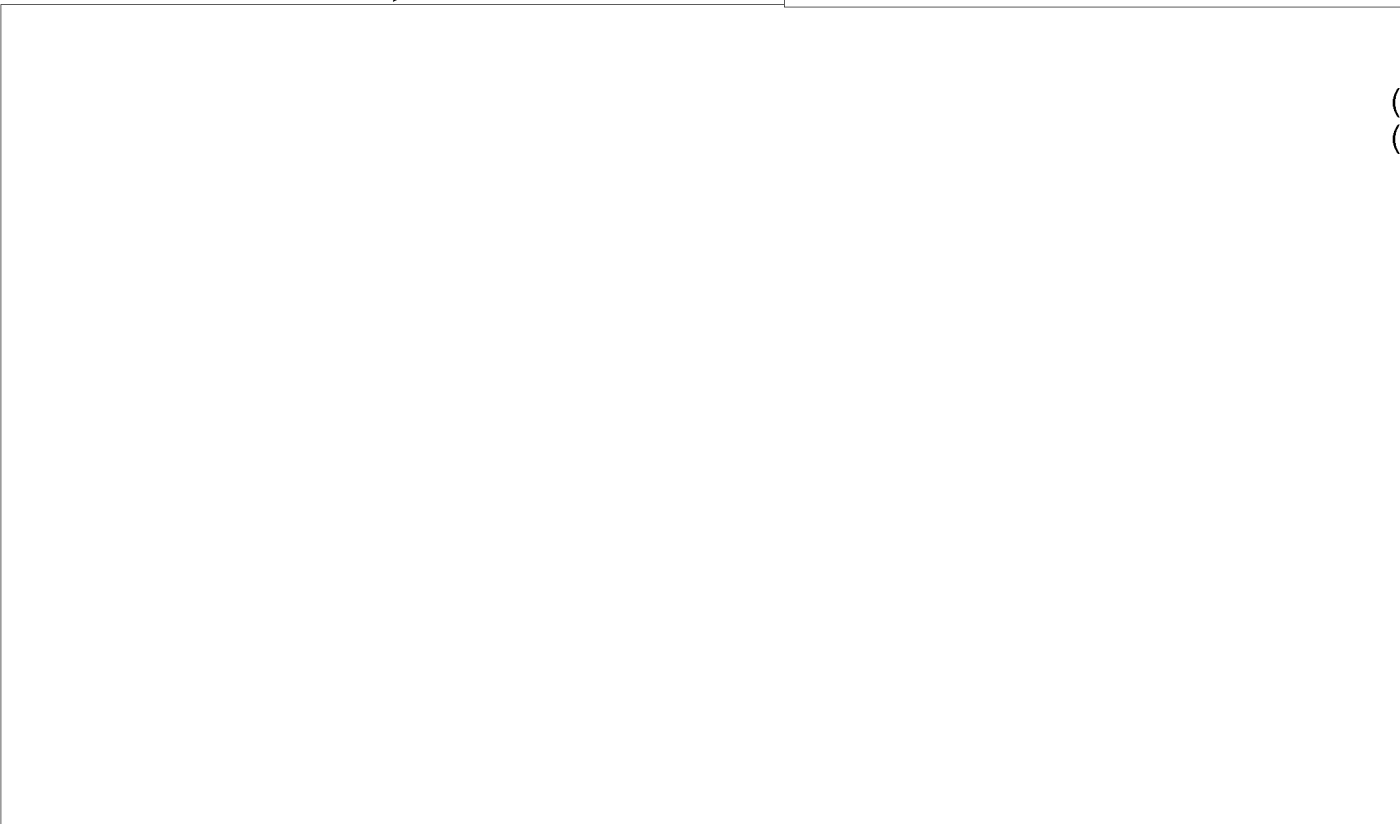
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- Fighting in Aleppo was intense around the international airport

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- Regime aircraft on 18 August struck an opposition stronghold at I'zaz, near the Turkish border, for the second time in a week





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 **Syria/Jordan:** The Jordanian government yesterday issued a letter of protest to the Syrian Ambassador in Amman after an incident reportedly resulted in Syrian artillery wounding at least five individuals on the Jordan side of the border 

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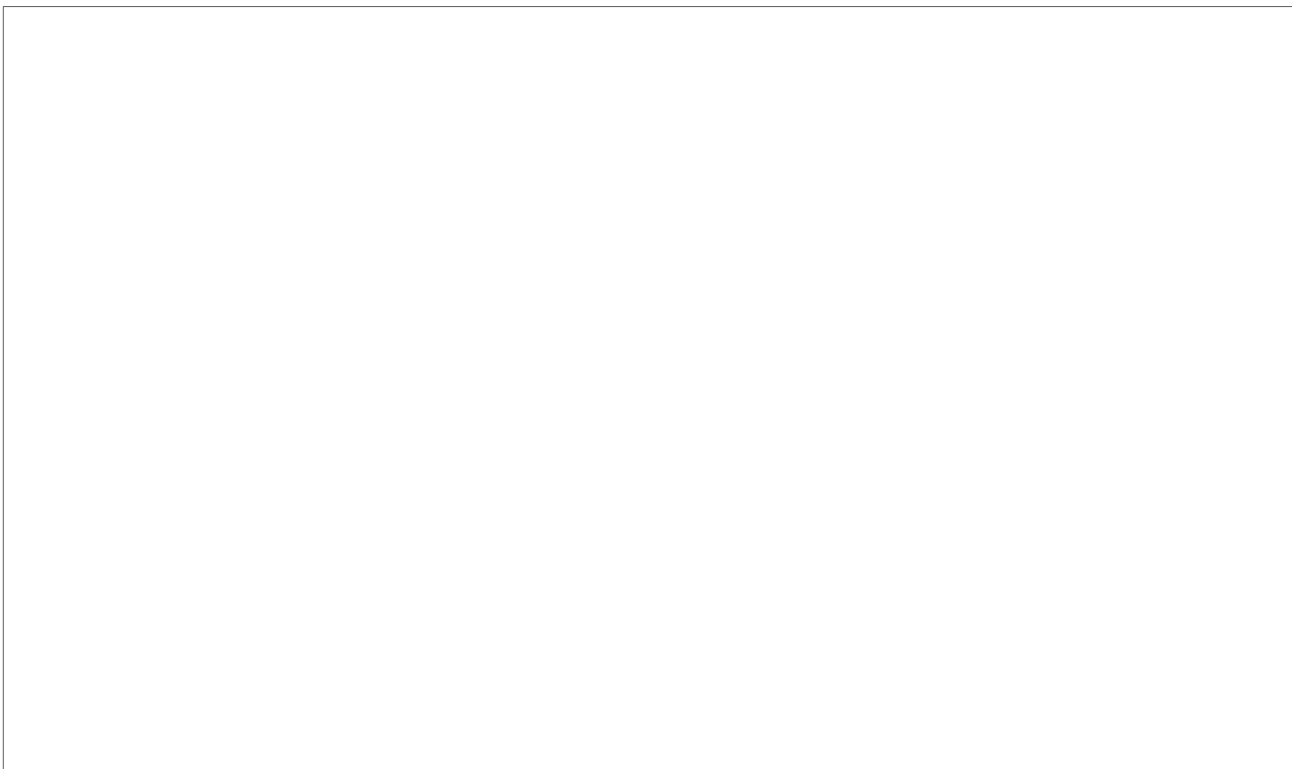
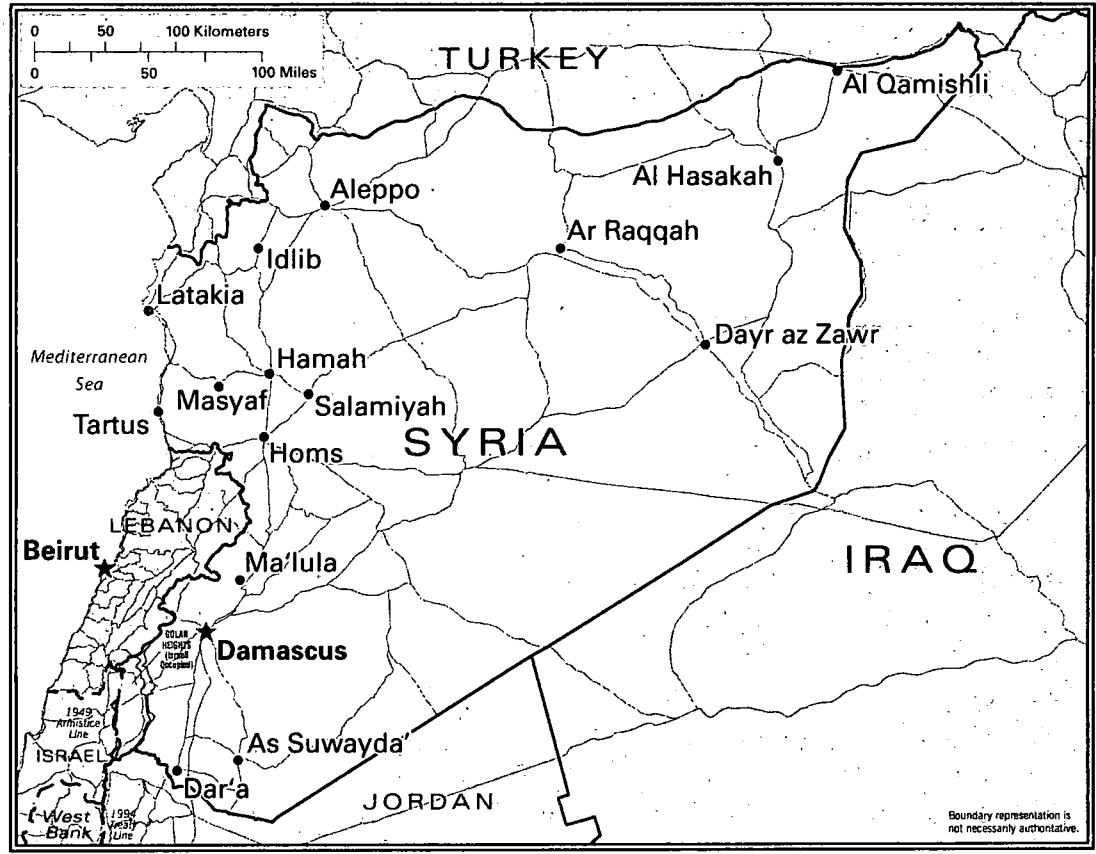
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