



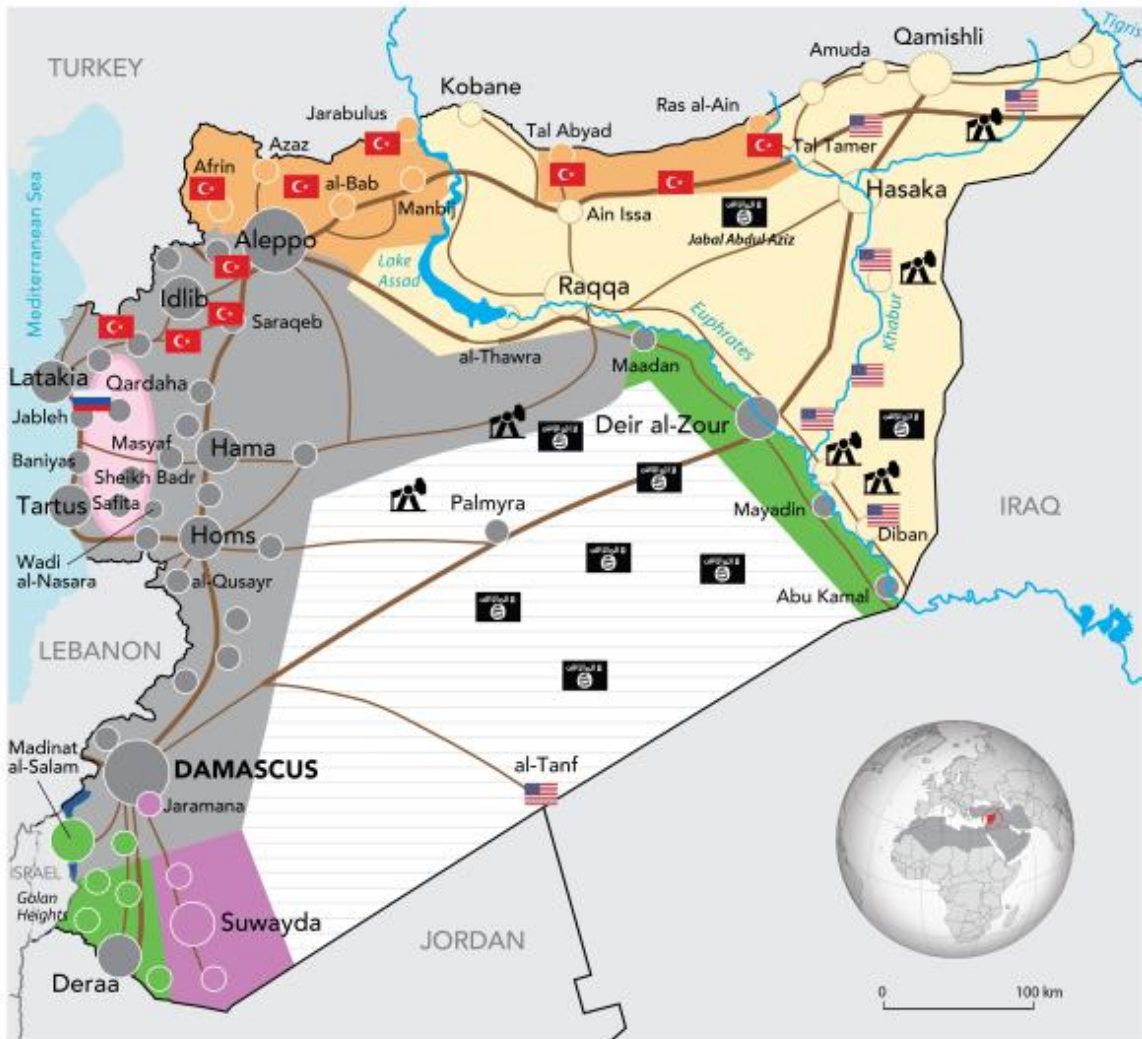
Syria's Islamist leader wants to make example of Alawites

The wave of **sectarian violence** that gripped Syria last week has marred the image of the country's new Islamist president, **Ahmad al-Sharaa**. Could the government have done more to prevent it? French academic **Fabrice Balanche** says it absolutely could have. In this interview with [Amberin Zaman](#) for [Al-Monitor](#), Fabrice Balanche explains that the leader of Syria's Islamists wants to make an example of the Alawites.

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