

## Basic Information Package: Syria

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### 1. Map of Syria



- Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection, University of Texas. URL of this map and other Syria maps: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/syria.html>
  - Search for locations in Syria using Google maps: <http://maps.google.com.au/>
2. **BBC's Country Profile – Syria:**  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/country\\_profiles/801669.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/country_profiles/801669.stm)
  3. *Political Handbook of the World Online Edition*, pp.1412-1418 (2010)
  4. US Department of State's *2010 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* (8 April 2011): <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2010/nea/154473.htm>
  5. US Department of State's *International Religious Freedom Report 2010* (17 November 2010): <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2010/148845.htm>
  6. **UK Home Office Reports:**  
<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/policyandlaw/guidance/coi/>

7. **Amnesty International's *Report 2011* (27 May 2011):**  
<http://www.amnesty.org/en/region/syria/report-2011>
8. **Human Rights Watch's *World Report 2011* (24 January 2011):**  
<http://www.hrw.org/en/world-report-2011/syria>
9. **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's *Fact Sheet* (June 2011):**  
<http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/syri.pdf>