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**The al-Anfal  
Campaign for the Syrian Coast**



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*The Ansar al-Sham Battalions*

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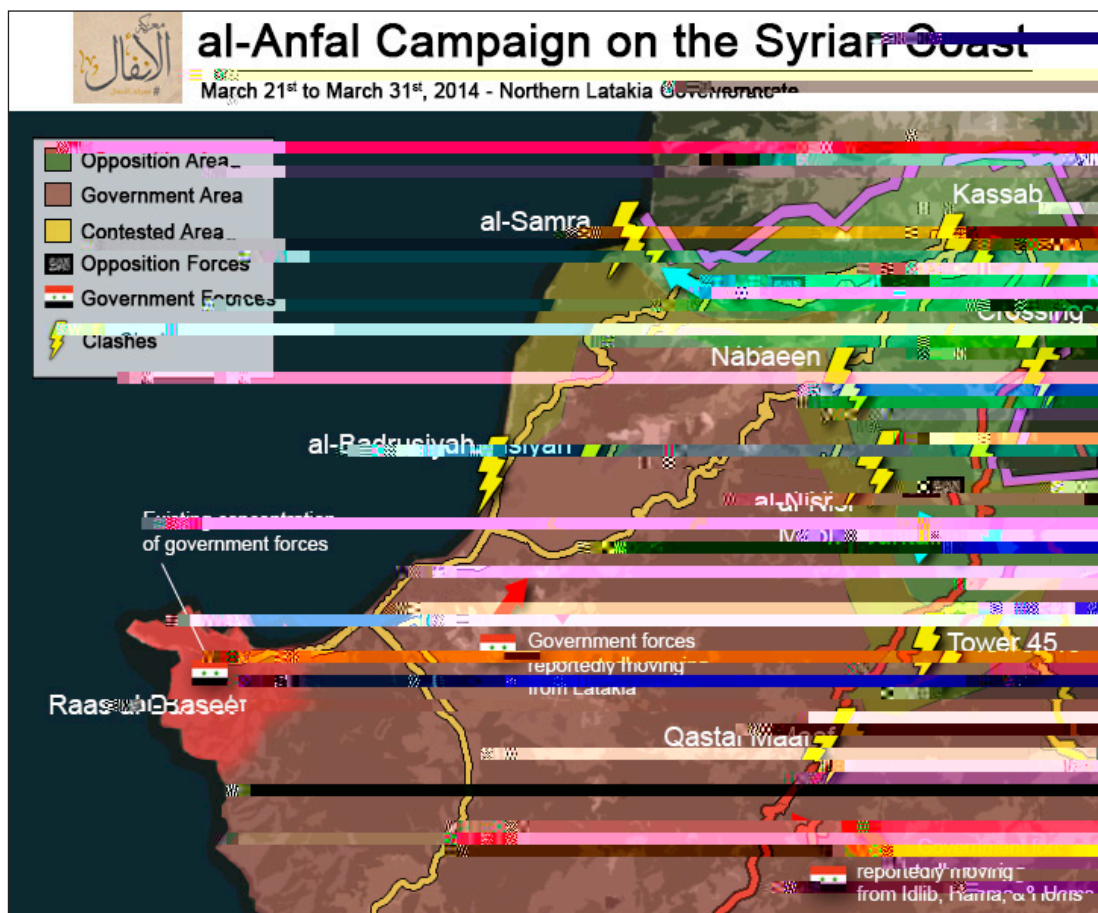
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