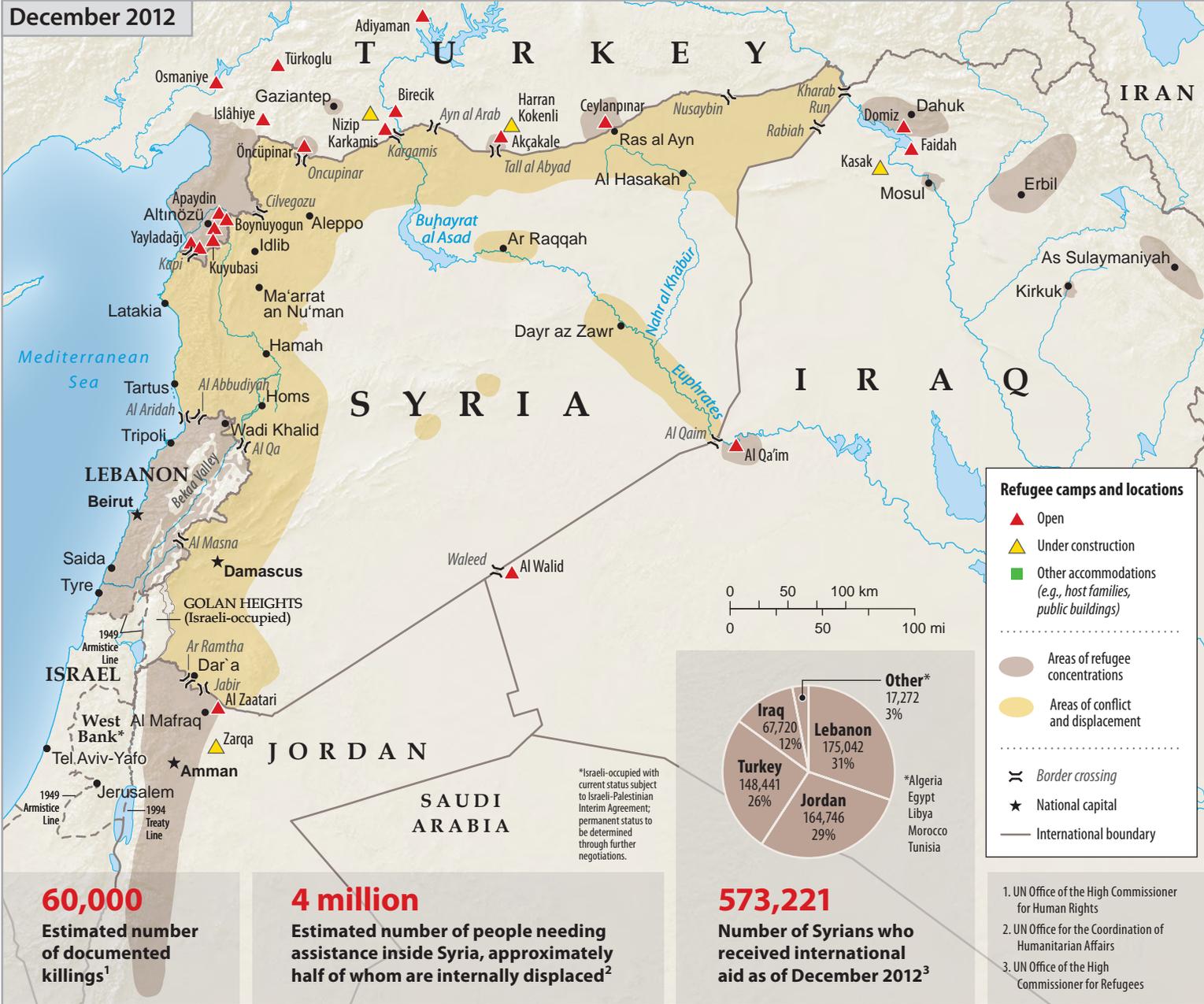
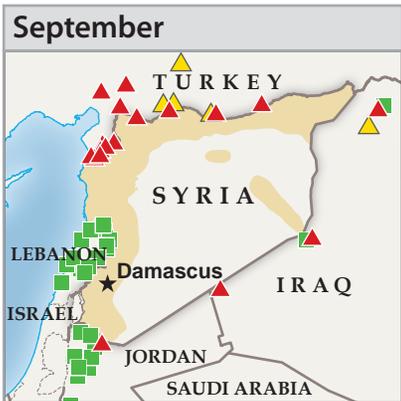
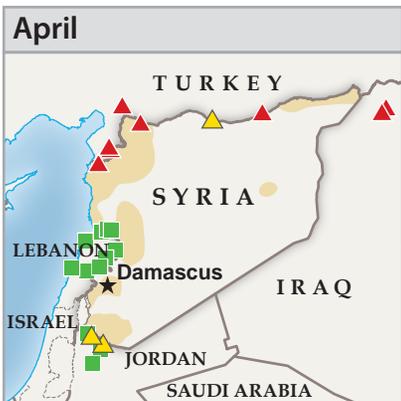




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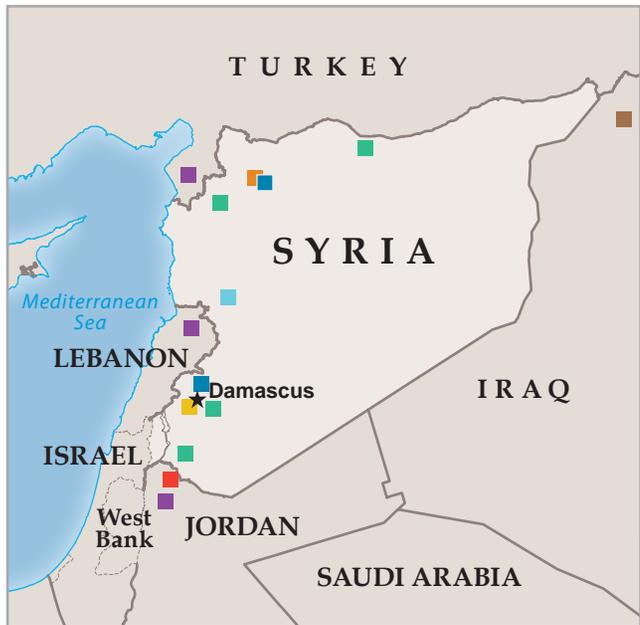
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**January 2012** - Fewer than 20,000 Syrians displaced in Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan at the start of 2012.

**February 2012** - Syrian military begins shelling and armed invasion of the city of Homs, estimated population 800,000.

**March 2012** - Government of Turkey and Turkish Red Crescent establish camps near Syrian border. In Lebanon and Jordan, most displaced Syrians move in with host families.

**April 2012** - First Syrians are registered in northwestern Iraq. Total number of displaced Syrians registered for humanitarian aid increases by 40%.

**May 2012** - Conflict spreads from west central Syria to outskirts of Damascus, south to Jordanian border, and north closer to Turkey.

**June 2012** - UNHCR assists Government of Jordan to establish a reception center and camp near border to start sheltering Syrians.

**July 2012** - Syrian government requires the UN and International Committee of the Red Cross to work through Syrian Arab Red Crescent to deliver aid to conflict areas inside Syria.

**August 2012** - Intense fighting between Syrian military and rebel groups, especially around Aleppo, causes a surge of displacement into all neighboring countries.

**September 2012** - UN begins revising Syrian Regional Response Plan, first published in March 2012, to assist Syrians registered for aid in neighboring countries.

**October 2012** - UN estimates 4 million in need of aid, including 2 million internally displaced inside Syria, most of whom are in areas outside of regime control.

**November 2012** - Rebels increase fighting in Aleppo and Damascus.

**December 2012** - Fighting and bombing inside the Yarmouk Palestinian enclave in Damascus cause 75,000 long-term Palestinian refugees to vacate. Cold temperatures and precipitation take toll on IDPs and Syrian refugees. UN launches new Syria Regional Response Plan for first six months of 2013.

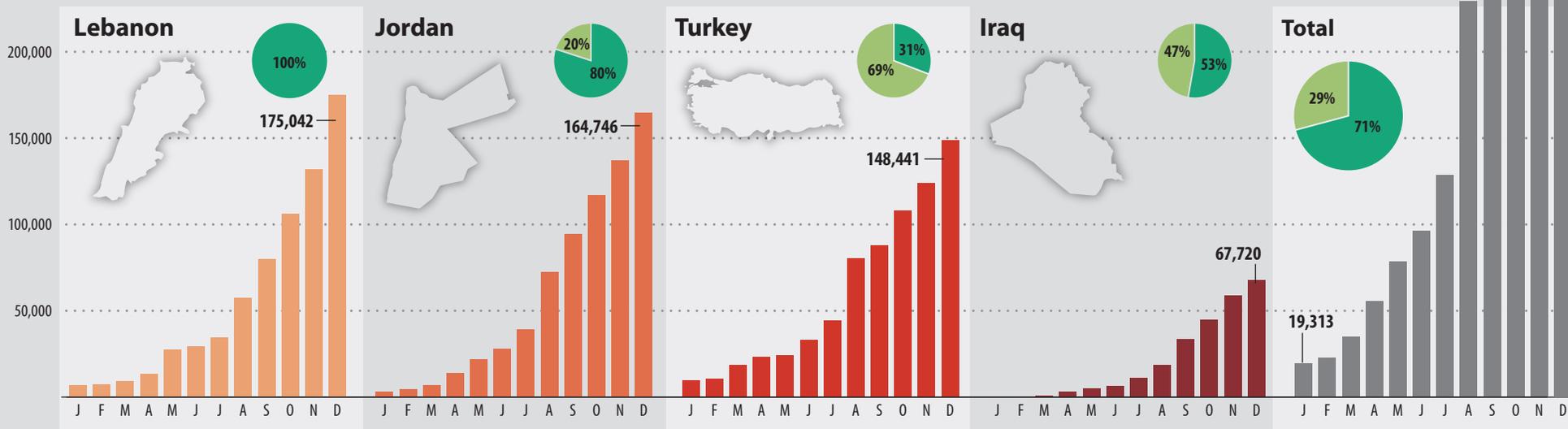
**568,950**  
Externally displaced Syrians in 2012

500,000

400,000

300,000

**Externally displaced Syrians in 2012 (cumulative, by month)**  
 Numbers include those registered and awaiting registration



Names and boundary representation are not necessarily authoritative

Sources: US Department of State, US Agency for International Development, UN OCHA, UNHCR, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre

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