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Syria War Spills Across Borders into Turkey, Lebanon

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As Syrian rebel factions continue to lose ground to the military, fighting increasingly spills over to neighboring countries. This puts civilians on both sides of the border in the line of fire, resulting in deaths in both Turkey and Lebanon.



Two people were killed in Turkey, and four others wounded by Syrian military fire at the border near the Kilis refugee camp. [Turkey's government claims that the attack deliberately targeted the camp](#), but earlier reports suggested that it was [simply fire that strayed across the border](#).

Meanwhile, Syrian troops attacked and [killed a TV cameraman in neighboring Lebanon](#), firing across the border between the two nations. The incident occurred in Wadi Khaled, an area frequently used by Syrian rebels to hide from Assad's forces and stage attacks into Syrian territory.

People with the camera crew said they explained to the Syrian troops that they weren't fighters. Syrian state media reported that a nearby border post had come under attack shortly before the shooting.

Such incidents will surely embarrass the Syrian military, particularly coming just days before a scheduled ceasefire. But as fighting moves out of central cities and into the border regions, Turkey and Lebanon, too, could be dragged into the maelstrom.