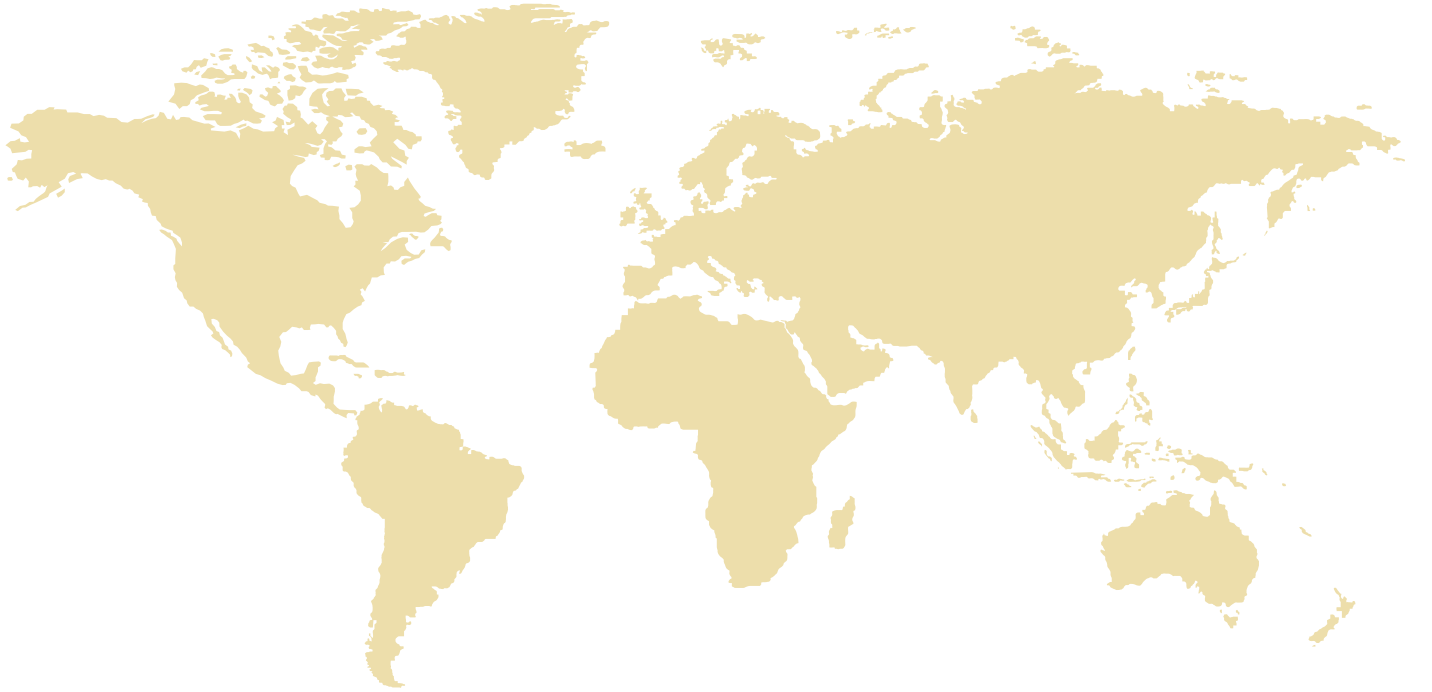


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«داعش» على أبواب حلب

ابتداءً من أواخر الأسبوع الماضي، بدأت قوات تنظيم «الدولة الإسلامية في العراق والشام» («داعش»)/«الدولة الإسلامية» بشن هجوم كبير شمالي حلب واجتاحت عدة قرى كانت قد احتلتها الجماعة المظلية المتمردة «جيش الفتح».

تشرين الأول 09، 2015

معهد واشنطن



جيفري وايت

<http://goo.gl/ez0ydY>

استراتيجية روسيا العسكرية في سوريا تتضح مع انخراط قواتها في القتال

مما لا شك فيه أنّ روسيا تسعى إلى تحقيق أهدافٍ متعدّدة في سوريا، بعضها واضحٌ والبعض الآخر لا يزال في بداياته. ويتمثل أحد الأهداف الواضحة بدعم نظام بشار الأسد في وَسَط سوريا الغربي، في حين تشمل الأهداف العسكرية الداعمة والحاسمة على تقليص قوى المعارضة وإلحاق الهزيمة بها، فضلاً عن إنشاء قاعدةٍ آمنة لدعم العمليات الواسعة النطاق لمدة طويلة.

تشرين الأول 06، 2015

معهد واشنطن



جيمس جيفري

<http://goo.gl/b0Seiy>

التحليق الروسي فوق تركيا: أكثر مما يتراءى للعين؟

على الرغم من أن التقنية العسكرية الحديثة مثل التوجيه عبر الرادار ومساعدات الملاحة عبر نظام التموضع العالمي تجعل التحليق غير المقصود فوق الأراضي المجاورة نادراً نسبياً، إلا أن مثل هذه الحوادث تقع في العمليات العسكرية. لكن ما يجعل التحليق الروسي فوق الأراضي التركية في 3 تشرين الأول/أكتوبر، مدعاة للقلق فعلاً هو موقعه.

تشرين الأول 05، 2015

معهد واشنطن



التحرك الروسي في سوريا منة لآ تخلو من الضرر لإيران

لم يكن من المفاجئ أن تشيد إيران باستعراض القوة الذي قام به فلاديمير بوتين في سوريا. فقد وصفه المتحدث باسم وزارة الخارجية الإيرانية بأنه "خطوة إلى الأمام في مجال مكافحة الإرهاب وحل الأزمة المستمرة في المنطقة".

أوليفيه ديكتيني

<http://goo.gl/AlgRcQ>

تشرين الأول 02، 2015

معهد واشنطن



عملاء إيران العراقيون الشيعة يعززون انتشارهم في سوريا

في 21 أيلول/ سبتمبر، ذكرت صحيفة "وول ستريت جورنال" أن قوات بقيادة كل من إيران وروسيا وبشار الأسد كانت تقوم بتنسيق جهودها لضمان أمن النظام السوري. وبينما كانت موسكو ترسل طائرات متطورة ومركبات مدرعة وغيرها من العتاد، كثف عملاء إيران العراقيون الشيعة في الوقت نفسه من عمليات التجنيد والانتشار التي يقومون بها في إطار الحرب السورية.

فيليب سميث

<http://goo.gl/fNFJMy>

تشرين الأول 02، 2015

معهد واشنطن



التصعيد العسكري الروسي في سوريا

ملخص لفعالية أقامها المعهد حول التصعيد العسكري الروسي في سوريا، قام بإعداده: باتريك شميت

فابريس بالونش

<http://goo.gl/1P70Gp>

مركز عمران للدراسات الاستراتيجية

تشرين الأول 03، 2015

التدخل الروسي في سورية: المخاطر والفرص الكامنة

في 30 سبتمبر 2015 شنّ الطيران الروسي أولى طلعاته الجوية مستهدفاً مخازن للأسلحة والذخيرة وعربات ومدركات في حمص وحماة وحلب؛ مستنداً إلى معلومات تم جمعها وتحديدها من قبل غرفة عمليات يديرها تحالف روسي-إيراني-عراقي-سوري في العاصمة العراقية بغداد. وجاءت عملية القصف بعد الكشف عن حشود عسكرية روسية تضمنت: تعزيز القاعدة البحرية في طرطوس بغواصة نووية ومجموعة سفن حربية، وتوسيع القاعدة الجوية في اللاذقية. وعلى الرغم من ادعاء موسكو أن حشدها العسكري يهدف إلى قتال تنظيم الدولة المتطرف؛ إلا أن العمليات الجوية قد استهدفت مختلف فصائل المعارضة في عدة محافظات.....



د. بشير زين العابدين

<https://goo.gl/s39MhG>**مركز عمران للدراسات الاستراتيجية**

تشرين الأول 05، 2015

آليات مكافحة الفساد في المجالس المحلية

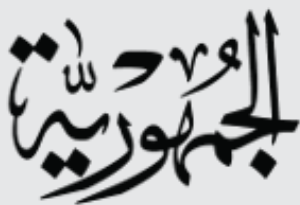
تواجه المجالس المحلية عدة تحديات وفي مقدمتها الفساد، وللتعامل مع ذلك وظّفت المجالس أربعة أنماط رقابية تراوحت بين رقابة داخلية تمارسها لجان من المجالس على أعماله، وأخرى شعبية أقرتها المجالس في أنظمتها الداخلية من خلال حق السكان في ممارسة دورهم الرقابي عن طريق الاجتماعات العامة أو من خلال عضويتهم في منظمات المجتمع المدني، إضافةً للرقابة العسكرية التي تمارسها فصائل المقاومة الوطنية بحكم نفوذها المحلي، وأخيراً الرقابة القضائية التي تمارسها الهيئات الشرعية والتي تلجأ إليها المجالس في ظل غياب منظومة قضاء محلي وقدرتها على تنفيذ الأحكام الصادرة عنها نظراً لعدم الفصائل لها.



مركز عمران للدراسات

<https://goo.gl/mz6R5f>**الجمهورية**

تشرين الأول 01، 2015

الغرب كان يستطيع إسقاط هذه الحرب

يسلط الضوء هذا المقال على الأزمة الإنسانية التي يعيشها الشعب السوري وحجم التدفق الكبير للاجئين وما يعكسه من مخاطر تعرضوا لها دفعتهم لهذا القدر من المخاطرة في سبيل النجاة، ويتطرق إلى ضعف التغطية الصحفية لحدث بهذا الحجم، ثم يشير إلى تواطء الغرب في عدم الدفع بشكل كافي لوقف هذه الحرب لاسيما عدم تبني رأي منطقة حظر الطيران، وأن الحل السياسي يتجاوز ويغيب مئات الآلاف من ضحايا هذه الحرب الذين سقطوا ببراميل طائرات الأسد.

فولفانغ باور

<http://goo.gl/y0kPBI>

تشرين الأول 11، 2015

المركز العربي للأبحاث ودراسة السياسات**التدخل العسكري الروسي في سورية وتحدياته أميركياً**

بعد يومين فقط من اتفاق أوباما مع فلاديمير بوتين الذي جرى في نيويورك، بدأت روسيا شن هجمات جوية داخل سورية، في مفاجأة جديدة لم تكن إدارة أوباما قد استوعبت سابقتها الني تمثلت بتعزيز روسيا وجودها في الساحل السوري، الأمر الذي وضعها في دوامة من التخبط.

أسامة أبو ارشيد

<http://goo.gl/ZPuRgl>

تشرين الأول 13، 2015

المركز العربي للأبحاث ودراسة السياسات**السياسة الأميركية تجاه تنظيم "داعش"**

تتبع هذه الورقة السياسة الأميركية تجاه داعش، محاولة تحليلها، مستعرضةً الجدل الذي أحاط - ولا يزال يحيط - بها والعوامل والمحددات المؤثرة فيها. ففي أيلول / سبتمبر 2014، أعلن الرئيس الأميركي باراك أوباما "إستراتيجية شاملة" لضعاف ما يُعرف بـ "تنظيم الدولة الإسلامية في العراق والشام - داعش"، وتدميره.

حارث حسن

<http://goo.gl/42rpB4>

تشرين الأول 07، 2015

المركز العربي للبحوث والدراسات**المواجهة الحتمية: مرحلة جديدة من مراحل الصراع الإقليمي في سوريا**

التدخل الروسي السافر في سوريا سيدفع القوى الإقليمية إلى الانتقال من حالة الصراع بالوكالة الذي بدأ منذ 2012، إلى المواجهة تكاد تكون حتمية في ظل رفض هذه القوى لهذا التدخل بهذا الشكل.

د. محمد السعيد إدريس

<http://goo.gl/Rmw2xR>

تشرين الأول 01، 2015

المركز العربي للبحوث والدراسات**اتجاهات الرأي العام الأوروبي إزاء أزمة اللاجئين السوريين**

في ظل غياب بؤادر حل للأزمة السورية تتفاقم أزمة اللاجئين الساعين للوصول إلى أوروبا الغربية عبر تركيا واليونان، التي شهدت جدلاً واسعاً مع أن الأزمة بدأت منذ 2011.

وحدة الرأي العام

<http://goo.gl/aXCip1>

تشرين الأول 11، 2015

المركز العربي للبحوث والدراسات**كيف توظف روسيا وسائل الإعلام في عملياتها العسكرية في سوريا؟**

صاحب الإعلان عن قيام روسيا بشن ضربات عسكرية استباقية في سوريا لمواجهة خطر الإرهاب وتوسع تنظيم "داعش" جدل دولي حول حقيقة أهداف هذا التدخل، ومدى جدواه في وقف تمدد نشاط "داعش" في سوريا والإقليم، في ظل ظهور اتجاهات عديدة تشير إلى أن الهدف من هذه العملية العسكرية هو تقديم الدعم لنظام الرئيس السوري بشار الأسد المحاصر في سوريا بين معارضة مسلحة وتنظيمات إرهابية.

وحدة الرأي العام

<http://goo.gl/1QFvo2>

تشرين الأول 10، 2015

مركز الأهرام للدراسات السياسية والاستراتيجية**روسيا وتغيير معادلات الصراع السورية .. لماذا الآن؟**

في خطوة غير مسبوقة رفعت روسيا من دعمها لنظام الأسد من المستوى السياسي والدبلوماسي إلى المستوى العسكري والأمني الواسع، ما مثل نقلة نوعية لدورها في إدارة الصراع السوري؛ حيث أعلنت أن وجودها العسكري في سوريا جاء بطلب من الأسد لمواجهة خطر تنظيم الدولة وليس تدخل في الصراع بين النظام والمعارضة المعتدلة، وهو ما أثبتت عكسه حيث قامت بقصف مناطق تمركز قوات تابعة للجيش الحر وهي مناطق بعيدة عن أراضي سيطرة التنظيم.

صافيناز محمد أحمد

<http://goo.gl/IXO5CD>

Atlantic Council

10/13/2015

Crude Oil for Natural Gas: Prospects for Iran-Saudi Reconciliation

Despite the sectarian barbs traded between Saudi Arabia and Iran, Iran's unique ability to meet the kingdom's fast growing demand for electricity may help spur a reconciliation, according to Jean Francois.



JEAN-FRANCOIS SEZNEC

<http://goo.gl/0DnkIs>**Atlantic Council**

10/8/2015

The Incirlik Expansion and the US-Turkish Strategy to Fight ISIS

The Incirlik agreement appears to be just one part of a larger plan designed to force ISIS from the Turkish-Syrian border and from its de facto capital, Raqqa.



AARON STEIN

<http://goo.gl/9hLphe>**Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**

10/14/2015

Imagining a New Security Order in the Persian Gulf

The Iranian nuclear agreement presents an opportunity to take a first step toward creating a new security order in the Gulf, one that could improve relations between Iran and the Gulf.



FREDERIC WEHREY

<http://goo.gl/UWGIdN>

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

10/2/2015

What Is Russia Bombing in Syria?

On September 30, the long-expected Russian military intervention in Syria rolled into action. According to Russia's Ministry of Defense, more than 50 airplanes and helicopters took part in a first wave of strikes against anti-Assad insurgents.



ARON LUND

<http://goo.gl/XacAuu>
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

10/6/2015

Russia's Long-Term Aims in Syria

Russia hopes its recent military support to Bashar al-Assad will give it political leverage over the Syrian regime and counter Western military might both in Syria and globally.



SALAM AL-SAAD

<http://goo.gl/SekaXV>
Carnegie Europe

10/14/2015

Judy Asks: Can Syria Be Salvaged?

Every week, a selection of leading experts answer a new question from Judy Dempsey on the foreign and security policy challenges shaping Europe's role in the world.



JUDY DEMPSEY

<http://goo.gl/t7zEhB>

CATO Institute

10/6/2015

Obama Must Resist 'Do More' Calls on Syria

Russia's recent intervention in Syria has ruffled feathers in Western capitals. On Tuesday came claims from NATO that Russia had moved ground troops into Syria, only a week after Russia launched its first airstrikes in the country. The move prompted renewed calls from many in Washington — including former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton — for the Obama administration to impose a no-fly zone and begin arming the Syrian rebels in earnest.



Brad Stapleton

<http://goo.gl/nQedFh>**Center for Strategic & International Studies**

10/1/2015

The Long War in Syria: The Trees, the Forest, and All the King's Men

Clichés are clichés, but sometimes it really is hard to see the forest for the trees. In the case of Syria, the “trees” include the UN debate between Obama and Putin over Syria and the fight against Islamic extremism, Russia's sudden military intervention in Syria, the failure of the U.S. training and assist missions in both Syria and Iraq, and the developing scandal in USCENTCOM over exaggerated claims of success for the U.S.-led air campaign in Syria and Iraq.



Anthony H. Cordesman

<http://goo.gl/1ic7Hy>**Elcano Royal Institute**

10/2/2015

Turkey On Its Way To Snap Elections: A Political Gamble?

The elections of 7 June 2015 brought a change of scenery to Turkish politics, with four political actors now in Parliament. After many years of single-party rule, a coalition was needed to govern the country at a time of economic and political hardship. However, the current Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu, who has been the only person given the mandate to form a government, which is against the customary practice in Turkish politics, failed to achieve this target.



ILKE TOYGÜR

<http://goo.gl/f0PhUI>

Eurasia Review

10/1/2015

Fighting Islamic State: Getting Down To Root Causes

The rise of Islamic State (IS) beyond the borders of Syria and Iraq over the past one year has drawn comparison with the spread of communism more than a century ago. It has also pitted proponents of kinetic realpolitik seeking military defeat of the extremist against supporters of the notion that jihadism poses primarily an ideational threat.



JAMES M. DORSEY

<http://goo.gl/WCvm1c>
Eurasia Review

10/9/2015

Of Europe, Syria And Antropogeographic Inversion: Unbearable Pressures From Insecure Edges Of Contracting Civilization

How can we observe and interpret (the distance between) success and failure from a historical perspective? This question remains a difficult one to (satisfy all with a single) answer.



ANIS BAJREKTAREVIC

<http://goo.gl/ROiE6O>
Eurasia Review

10/9/2015

Syrian Soccer: Succeeding Against The Odds

Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad's political fortunes are looking up on more than one battlefield. Even as Russian military intervention appears to have given Assad's government a new lease on life, sending its soccer team out to play World Cup qualifying matches allows it to project an image of normality despite four years of bloody civil war.



JAMES M. DORSEY

<http://goo.gl/B6BSg9>

Eurasia Review

10/10/2015

Answering Russia's Critics On Syria

Were it not a serious issue, the righteous criticism of Russian action in Syria would've a comedic attribute.



MICHAEL AVERKO

<http://goo.gl/YHdGNZ>
Eurasia Review

10/15/2015

Russian Airpower In Syria: An Emphasis On Precision Strike?

The term “precision strike” – often associated with Western airpower – is seldom utilized to favorably describe operations undertaken by the Russian Air Force (RuAF). Indeed, the RuAF holds an abysmal record with regard to the employment of precision guided munitions (PGMs) in combat.



GUY PLOPSKY

<http://goo.gl/S7Yzgl>
European Institute of the Mediterranean

10/15/2015

Syria: Indifference or Complicity?

The years go by and the counter continues to register an increasing number of casualties, wounded, displaced people and refugees. Statements with good intentions by the so-called ‘international community’ are accumulating. Initiatives are multiplying as well. Is a pacific revolution turned armed confrontation finally giving way to the monster embodied by the Islamic State? Is this enough, as the international attitude seems to indicate, to forget the roots of the problem? To turn the page of the peoples and rally to the dictators?



SALAM KAWAKIBI

<http://goo.gl/z3pSpG>

Foreign Policy Research Institute

10/2/2015

Putin, Obama And The Middle East

The latest news from what used to be Syria is that Russian pilots have undertaken combat missions on behalf of the Assad regime—but not so much against ISIS. Some Syrian rebels who have been receiving U.S. aid via the CIA since 2013 appear to be among the targets—so claimed Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, and he should know.



ADAM GARFINKLE

<http://goo.gl/81Kz3p>
Geopolitical Monitor

10/3/2015

Lavrov: Russia, US To Cooperate On Islamic State

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has said that Russia and the United States have agreed to enhance their discussions on cooperation against the Islamic State. Through foreign and defense ministers, both nations will keep a dialogue open to reach common goals.



JONATHAN WADE

<http://goo.gl/VQw0za>
Geopolitical Monitor

10/8/2015

Putin The Opportunist

There has been much speculation and concern about the goals of Russian President Vladimir Putin in Syria. Many commentators, including President Obama have said that Putin is making a serious mistake getting involved in the mess that is Syria. From the perspective of a Western politician that would certainly be true.



MICHAEL ROGERS

<http://goo.gl/O39JQ3>

Homeland Security Committee

9/30/2015

COMBATING TERRORIST AND FOREIGN FIGHTER TRAVEL

Today we are witnessing the largest global convergence of jihadists in history. Responding to the growing threat, the House Homeland Security Committee established to defend our country depends partly on whether foreign governments are able to interdict extremists before they reach our shores.



CHAIRMAN MICHAEL

<https://goo.gl/ILkVea>
Hoover Institution

10/13/2015

Repercussions Of The Deal: In Syria, Russia And Europe

The strategic consequences of the deal have become apparent already: The credibility of American power in the region has declined, as the alliance between Iran and Russia grows ever more powerful. In fact, the text of the deal explicitly blessed this alliance by naming Russia an authorized supplier of enriched uranium.



RUSSELL A. BERMAN

<http://goo.gl/JhDksR>
Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses

10/6/2015

Russian Military Intervention In Syria

Since 30 September, Russia has been bombing Islamic State targets in Syria at the request of Bashar al-Assad, the country's beleaguered President fighting for political survival since 2011. Assad now controls, and that too only in a manner of speaking, about a third of Syria.



K. P. FABIAN

<http://goo.gl/GsGPrt>

Iran Review

10/6/2015

Middle East Facing An Ambiguous Future

Regardless of what direction developments in the Middle East will take in the future, the sure thing is that the region will not go back to where it stood before the developments, which have come to be known as the Arab Spring. The traditional models of power structure have changed and new mentalities have come into play.

Iran Review

MOHAMMAD MOLLAZEHI

<http://goo.gl/aCHjES>**Middle East Forum**

10/3/2015

Russia in Syria: Putin Fills Strategic Vacuum in the Middle East

On Wednesday, Russian aircraft carried out the first bombings of rebel positions in Syria. The operation was not a surprise. It was the latest, most dramatic episode in a significant increase in Russian support for the beleaguered regime of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad that has been under way since the beginning of last month.



JONATHAN SPYER

<http://goo.gl/RSBCLr>**Middle East Institute**

10/5/2015

Russia's New Middle East Great Game

Recent Russian activity in Syria is not about combating the Islamic State, despite Russian claims to the contrary. Though actively fighting ISIS and thus propagating its long-stated goal of keeping Assad in power would seem to be the straightforward explanation for Russia's recent behavior, the fact that Russian strikes are also hitting U.S.-backed, rebel-held areas demonstrates the hollowness of official discourse.



BASSAM BARABANDI

<http://goo.gl/qCOVfV>

Middle East Institute

10/1/2015

The U.S. Military and Countering ISIS

October 2015 marks the fourteenth month of formal U.S. military engagement in the struggle against the Islamic State (ISIS). The Obama administration was at first reluctant to engage U.S. military power in this struggle but then became more deliberate in its approach. U.S. involvement in the battle-grounds of Iraq and Syria has been evolving especially over the past year.



THOMAS F. LYNCH

<http://goo.gl/5C7IPB>**New Eastern Outlook**

10/3/2015

Erdogan is Starting to Pay His Bills

Yerevan is anxiously watching developments in neighbouring Turkey. Destabilization in a neighbouring country is in nobody's interests, but events there are developing rapidly, and it is unlikely that there is anything good in store for Ankara, which has got involved in a whole range of conflicts in the region.



POGOS ANASTASOV

<http://goo.gl/UDmQO3>**New Eastern Outlook**

10/5/2015

The Strange Case of the Syrian Opposition

US Secretary of Defense Ash Carter has cited concerns that Russia may be hitting the wrong targets in Syria. Does Carter believe that a Syrian opposition group utterly and absolutely divorced from terrorist allegiances exists?



GORDON DUFF

<http://goo.gl/Xc3ItJ>

New Eastern Outlook

10/7/2015

Putin: Cleaning Up an American Mess in Syria

The recent appearance of Russian President Vladimir Putin before the UN was a command performance for any Western analyst who wants a deeper and more brazen access to Russian global affairs thinking. The traditional mistake made, by Americans most certainly, is to dismiss Russian argument as nothing but crying over spilt geostrategic milk: in short, since Russia lost the Cold War and lost its beloved communist system, it cannot stop diplomatically whining about the victor.



MATTHEW CROSSTON

<http://goo.gl/GZ9gTh>**New Eastern Outlook**

10/14/2015

MH17: From Syria to Ukraine, When Lying Catches Up

At best, the United States, its NATO allies and the regime they have collectively created in Kiev, Ukraine, will be able to claim Russia, or militants defending eastern Ukraine from Kiev's armed incursions, accidentally shot down Malaysia Airlines flight 17 (MH17) after air controllers in Kiev recklessly sent it on a course over a battlefield other airliners had made a point to circumvent.



ULSON GUNNAR

<http://goo.gl/K3loz5>**New Eastern Outlook**

10/15/2015

Obama's Syria Indictment

The latest news from Washington is that the government will cease its covert training and supply of al-Qaeda in Syria. This is a dramatic turn of events, but not an unexpected one.



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<http://goo.gl/GXFRrx>

Neo Eastern Outlook

10/15/2015

Putin is Defeating More than ISIS in Syria

Russia and its President, Vladimir Putin, a little more than a year ago, in July 2014 were the focus of attention in Europe and North America, accused, without a shred of forensic evidence, of shooting down an unarmed civilian Malaysian airliner over eastern Ukraine. The Russians were deemed out to restore the Soviet Union with their agreement to the popular referendum of Crimean citizens to annex into the Russian Federation and not Ukraine.



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10/2/2015

Some Thoughts on the Ongoing Syrian Crisis

It is not surprising that the dramatic events taking place today in such a relatively small country as Syria, with 20 million people and not very rich in natural resources, are now out on the front pages of the world media: the point is that they, like a water drop, reflect the main current trends in international relations.



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<http://goo.gl/yeHnWa>**Observer Research Foundation**

10/1/2015

In Syria, The Big Boys Are Playing

Syria and Iraq are no longer just a do-and-kill struggle being enacted by extreme radical Islamists in their brutal search for a Caliphate. The Big Boys – US and Russia – are now out in the open, the gloves are off and mind games are now being played where each blames the other for the escalation of the conflict.



VIKRAM SOOD

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Oriental Review

10/14/2015

KALIBR Rating The Foe: Strategic Implications Of Russian Cruise Missiles' Launch

Last week the biggest event that took place in Syria as part of Operation Hmeymim was the use by the Russian Navy's Caspian Flotilla of 26 seaborne land-attack cruise missiles (LACMs) that hit 11 Daesh and Jabhat al-Nusra military targets inside Syria, which were located about 1,500 km. away from the missile launch site.



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<http://goo.gl/oTznx8>**Oxfam America**

10/7/2015

SOLIDARITY WITH SYRIANS

The arrival of tens of thousands of Syrians to Europe's borders and the shocking deaths of women, children and men on their perilous journey has been a sharp reminder to the international community of the tragedy engulfing the people of Syria. Syrians put themselves and their families at so much risk only out of sheer desperation.



OXFAM AMERICA

<http://goo.gl/WjipXP>**Oxford Research Group**

10/14/2015

Russia's Intervention in Syria: Implications for Western Engagement

The war in Syria has become dramatically more complex since the summer, with Turkey and Russia becoming more directly engaged and several western states extending their bombing campaigns. Russia's direct intervention seeks tactical gains for the Assad regime in northwest Syria in support of its strategic goal of a pro-Russian political settlement to the conflict. Such action makes further Islamic State advances more likely in Syria. Further escalation of British military intervention in Syria would also be likely to fuel the conflict.



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South Asia Analysis Group

10/12/2015

Russia's Strategic Pivot To The Middle East 2015

Russia's strategic pivot to the Middle East in 2015 manifested by the Russian military intervention in Syria arises not only from Russian imperatives to bolster President Assad's regime in Syria but also that Russia's strategic pivot to Asia Pacific declared in 2012 failed to take off primarily due to China complicating the Russian initiative primarily focused on Japan.



SUBHASH KAPILA

<http://goo.gl/6uzMFM>**South Asia Monitor**

10/7/2015

Combating Islamic State: World Should Push Aside Vested Interests

A matter of international deliberation (or rather, contention), the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has managed to capture the imagination of the entire globe, with the many speeches at the United Nations' General Assembly (UNGA) session and a dedicated sideline summit bearing testimony to it.



CHAYANIKA SAXENA

<http://goo.gl/PY2c5Q>**Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik**

10/6/2015

Strategies against IS Need to Address Roots of Syria's Civil War

The conflict in Syria is back on the international agenda, but rivalling coalitions are pursuing conflicting objectives. Muriel Asseburg argues that reducing the flow of refugees and fighting the »Islamic State« will only result in progress if the dynamics of the civil war are addressed.



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10/1/2015

A German Strategy for Syria

A new strategy on Syria is a matter of urgency, given the magnitude of the Syrian refugee exodus and the terrorist threat ISIS poses to Europe. Guido Steinberg identifies the three aspects Germany should concentrate on.



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<http://goo.gl/IJwVWR>
Syria Comment

10/12/2015

Abdallah Al-Muhaysini: Pivotal Figure In Islamist Insurgency In Syria

Abdallah al-Muhaysini came to Syria in 2013 to partake in the uprising against Bashar al-Assad. He presents a unique case of the outsized role a single person can play in the lawless world of the Syrian rebellion.



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Syrian Network for Human Rights

10/15/2015

Analytical Study about the Leaked Pictures of Torture Victims in Syrian Military Hospitals “The Photographed Holocaust”

Syrians have been suffering from a ruthless killing machine which relied on different killing methods that amount to crimes against humanity and war crimes, midst international silence. By far, torture remains one of the most brutal and ferocious methods of death practiced by the Syrian government.


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The Death of 1497 Individuals in September 2015 33% of the victims are women and children

During this month, the rate of targeted women and children by government forces has increased significantly. The percentage of targeting civilians has reached 49%, which is strong indicator that government forces deliberately and indiscriminately targets civilians.



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Not Less than 43 Massacres Committed in September 2015 31 amongst which were committed by government forces

SNHR documented not less than 43 massacres that were committed in September, detailed as follows: A- Government Forces (army, security forces, local militias and foreign militias) committed 31 massacres B- Extremist Islamic Groups: i- ISIL committed 2 massacres C- Armed Opposition Groups committed 8 massacres D- Unidentified Groups committed 2 massacres SNHR describes an incident as a massacre if it involves: "the killing of five unarmed people at least".



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Allegedly Russian Warplanes Kills 104 Civilians, including 25 children and 15 women Syria's Sun Won't Rise From Moscow

On 30 September 2015, Russian forces commenced air strikes on Syria and announced that it will target extremist Islamic groups (i.e. ISIL, An-Nusra Front, and Jund Al Aqsa group). However, their actions on the ground contradicted statements made Russian officials.



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The Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies

10/6/2015

The Russian-Iranian Gambit in Syria

The Russian-Iranian gambit in Syria will only inflame the volatile situation in the war-torn country. Sunni-Alawite animosity runs too deep to foster any hope for compromise. Israel must remain vigilant, and prevent terrorists from getting advanced weapons.



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<http://goo.gl/CdDWIO>**The Institute for National Security Studies**

10/7/2015

Russian Involvement in Syria: What has Changed, and the Significance for Israel

Russia's involvement in the Syrian crisis constitutes a new strategic paradigm in the Middle East and the international arena. This will have significant implications for the balance of power and the rivalries in Syria's civil war, and for the struggle between the superpowers for global influence.



UDI DEKEL

<http://goo.gl/qCS3Qv>**The Institute for National Security Studies**

10/13/2015

Farewell to Syria

The civil war in Syria is at the top of the global agenda for two primary reasons. The first is related to Russia's military presence in the country, which until a few weeks ago was marginal and of a low profile, and became substantial once Russia dispatched dozens of fighter jets and helicopters, hundreds of soldiers, and a defense system for deployment on Syrian soil.



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The International Centre for the study

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Victims, Perpetrators, Assets: The Narratives of Islamic State Defectors

Virtually nothing is known about those who quit: the 'defectors' who didn't like what they saw, abandoned their comrades, and fled the Islamic State. Yet their stories could be key to stopping the flow of foreign fighters, countering the group's propaganda, and exposing its lies and hypocrisy.



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The International Relations and Security Network

10/7/2015

Syrian Opposition Guide

This report describes the different opposition groups fighting against Bashar al-Assad's regime in Syria. More specifically, it outlines where the groups are specifically operating; gauges their relative operational and financial strengths; and clarifies their level of cooperation with each other, including with the al-Qaeda affiliate Jabhat al-Nusra.



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The International Relations and Security Network

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Iraq after Russian Intervention in Syria

This paper examines the extent of US, Russian and Iranian influence in Iraq following Russia's intervention in Syria in September 2015 and the formation of a coordination cell between Russian, Syrian, Iranian, and Iraqi military officials.



PATRICK MARTIN

<http://goo.gl/EiLC6g>

The International Relations and Security Network 10/1/2015

The Russian Deployment in Syria and Iraq Makes its Presence Felt

In light of the commencement of Russian airstrikes in Syria on September 30, 2015, this paper discusses what objectives the Kremlin is hoping to achieve through its intervention in the Syrian civil war. The author contends that Moscow's strategy in Syria-Iraq is very clear.



YOSSEF BODANSKY

<http://goo.gl/gGrOCi>

The Washington Institute 10/13/2015

Daesh at Aleppo's Door

A new offensive near the key city indicates that ISIS may be racing Assad and his allies for control of northern Syria.



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<http://goo.gl/GIFScU>

The Washington Institute 10/9/2015

Russia's Military Strategy in Syria Becoming Clearer as Its Forces Engage in Combat

Moscow's intervention is intended to support the regime, is backed by a small but potent force, and appears set for the long haul.



JEFFREY WHITE

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The Washington Institute

10/7/2015

Syria's Kurds Are Contemplating an Aleppo Alliance with Assad and Russia

The PYD will not hesitate to cooperate with Damascus and Moscow in the north if Turkey and the United States continue prohibiting the unification of Kurdish enclaves.



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<http://goo.gl/JbH4Cm>
The Washington Institute

9/24/2015

Russia's Military Escalation in Syria

Following Vladimir Putin's address to the UN General Assembly, a panel of Institute experts detailed the scope of Moscow's military buildup in Syria and its likely objectives and implications.



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The Washington Institute

10/2/2015

Iran's Iraqi Shiite Proxies Increase Their Deployment to Syria

Recent online activities show that various Iranian-backed Iraqi Shiite militias have greatly expanded their recruitment efforts in support of the Assad regime, including numerous reports of significant battlefield action.



PHILLIP SMYTH

<http://goo.gl/OwWHVp>

The World Post

10/12/2015

Playing Patience While Syria Burns

Game of patience I thought of earlier this year when Susan Rice, President Obama's national security adviser, unveiled the administration's new foreign policy doctrine: strategic patience. For, ever since the Syrian civil war broke out in March 2011, her boss has strongly resembles a bored man playing a game of patience -- endlessly rearranging the cards and never quite getting them in the right order.

NIALL FERGUSON

<http://goo.gl/Kz0sA0>**Tony Blair Faith Foundation**

10/6/2015

Inside the Jihadi Mind: Understanding Ideology

The ideology of global extremism can only be countered if it is first understood. This combination of theology and political objectives needs to be uprooted through rigorous scrutiny, and sustained intellectual confrontation.

EMMAN EL-BADAWY

<http://goo.gl/62Y5yl>**United States Institute of Peace**

10/14/2015

In Syrian War, Peace, Politics and Possibilities Are a Local Affair

While the mass bloodshed of Syria's civil war so far has spared many Kurdish and Arab farming villages in Syria's far northeast, the war has exacerbated communal tensions there. So recently, 14 religious, tribal and civic leaders from one locality traveled to neighboring Iraq for talks to ease those tensions and prevent an outbreak of violence.

OSAMA GHARIZI

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Putin's Dramatic Syria Move Raises Russian Profile, With Risks

Russian President Vladimir Putin is remaking the Middle East by boldly creating facts on the ground. The recent military build-up and the initial airstrikes against targets inside Syria mark Russia's return as a major strategic actor for the first time since the Yom Kippur War of 1973 that pitted Arab nations against Israel.



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