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## التاريخ العثماني والعلاقات الوطنية السورية

يتناول الكاتب الجمعيات الأهلية السورية وكيف كانت الأكثر ضمناً لمجمل الحساسيات الاجتماعية والسياسية العثمانية، وكيف شكلت الحروب والأزمات السياسية الطويلة التي مرت بها السلطنة الفاعل الأكثر حيوية في تكوين ذاكرة السوريين، ونتائج تلك الحقبة تعكس أحوال هذه الجمعيات حتى الآن.

رستم محمود

<http://goo.gl/mwzVHd>

أيلول 9، 2015

## المركز العربي للبحوث والدراسات



## إشكاليات متعددة: مكافحة الإرهاب في المراحل الانتقالية في الدول العربية

شهد العديد من الدول العربية خلال الفترة الماضية، تحولا في طبيعة الإرهاب كتهديد لأمنها الوطني، سواء من حيث تنفيذ العمليات الإرهابية أو مناطق وقوعها أو من حيث الأهداف التي تستهدفها على نحو أصبحت معه مكافحة الإرهاب تمثل "إشكالية" لهذه الدول، وتحدياً لقدرتها.

د. إيمان رجب

<http://goo.gl/28PTMr>

أيلول 2، 2015

## المركز العربي للدراسات المستقبلية

## هل حقاً بات الروس في سماء سوريا؟



عسكرياً لا تقول روسيا الكثير عن حجم وجودها العسكري، ولكنها تتحدث عما يمكن له أن يقلب المشهد على المستوى السياسي والاستراتيجي.

العربي للدراسات المستقبلية

<http://goo.gl/U8w34g>

أيلول 13، 2015

**المركز العربي للدراسات المستقبلية****روسيا واستعادة الدور والمكانة بصمود سوريا**

أعلنت روسيا قيامها بإمداد سورية بكل ما تحتاجه عسكرياً عبر جسر جوي منتظم، وذلك بعد أجواء الانفراج السياسي في أعقاب التوصل لإتفاق نووي مع إيران، ما يوحي بعودة روسيا لدورها في المنطقة من خلال دعم صمود سورية.

العربي للدراسات المستقبلية

<http://goo.gl/GEFoLg>

أيلول 6، 2015

**المركز الإقليمي للدراسات الإستراتيجية****طموحات مشروطة: هل تتحول روسيا إلى داعم رئيسي للأقليات في الشرق الأوسط؟**

بعد تركيز روسيا على الاهتمام بالأقليات في المنطقة، لا سيما مع تصاعد تأثير هذه الأقليات، برزت تحديات لهذا التوجه كرفض القوى الإقليمية لا سيما تركيا، وغموض مسارات أدوار هذه الأقليات.

وحدة العلاقات الإقليمية

<http://goo.gl/5ytIbN>

أيلول 12، 2015

**المركز الإقليمي للدراسات الإستراتيجية****أدوات بديلة: كيف تفك تنظيمات الإرهاب بالمنطقة ارتباطها بالاقتصادات الرسمية؟**

في مسعاها لنقل الصراع مع الحكومات من ساحات المعارك إلى الساحة الاقتصادية، سعت التنظيمات الإرهابية لفك ارتباطها بالاقتصادات الحكومية بالتوازي مع استنزافها.

وحدة الدراسات الاقتصادية

<http://goo.gl/L4bHp4>

أيلول 2015

**مبادرة الإصلاح العربي****الوضع الاجتماعي في جنوب سورية: درعا والقنيطرة**

تقود قوى الممانعة حرب منهجية ضد الجنوب السوري بغايات جيو استراتيجية، بهدفين، الأول تنزير الخليج العربي وعزل سوريا عن بعدها العربي، وخلق نقاط تماس مع إسرائيل بهدف تقوية أوراق التفاوض، يحاول الكاتب استشراف مآلات الصراع في هذه المنطقة وهل ستصمد أمام الهجوم.

غازي دحمان

<http://goo.gl/HjN7re>

أيلول 3، 2015

**مركز الجزيرة للدراسات****الخارطة العسكرية للمعارضة السورية في الجنوب**

تتميز درعا بتوحيد مصادر الدعم وعزلتها الجغرافية عن باقي مناطق الثورة، إضافة ضبط الأردن الصارم لحدودها، ولا تشهد صراعات داخلية وأيديولوجية، ما دفع قوى الثورة إلى المحافظة على تقدمها دون انتكاسات، وتوظيف هذا التقدم لانتزاع مكاسب سياسية وإضعاف النظام، كما إضعاف الحركات الإسلامية عسكرياً واجتماعياً.

أسامة الكوشك

<http://goo.gl/bDpqmj>

أيلول 14، 2015

**مركز دراسات الجمهورية الديمقراطية****”مشايخ الكرامة“ ومحاولة الخروج من الثنائيات الضدّية إلى المتفق عليه**

يتناول هذا المخرج ظاهرة مبادرة ”شيوخ الكرامة“ بما فيها من مميزات وعيوب، في ظل إدارة التناقضات السورية من قبل النظام بهدف مواصلة القبض على سورية والقضاء على الثورة.

همام الخطيب

<http://goo.gl/hhUjIQ>

أيلول 2015

**مركز دراسات الجمهورية الديمقراطية**

مركز دراسات الجمهورية الديمقراطية

**أثر اقتصاد الحرب في التنظيمات الاجتماعية (3)**

يتناول هذا الجزء أثر اقتصاد الحرب في الأسرة النووية والعائلة الممتدة للعشيرة، والمقصود هو الاقصاد السياسي، لا علم اقتصاد الحرب.

جاد الكريم جباعي

<http://goo.gl/TJgPwV>

أيلول 1، 2015

**مركز عمران للدراسات الإستراتيجية**عمران  
للدراسات الاستراتيجية  
OMRAN  
For Strategic Studies**المشروع الهاشمي في انتماءات ما قبل الدولة**

تكاد مصفوفة الصراع السوري بأبعادها المختلفة (الطائفية، القومية، العقائدية) أن تضم صيغة "عشائرية" جديدة بعد دعوة المملكة الأردنية الهاشمية، لتسليح عشائر السنة في سورية والعراق، تلك المبادرة وإن كانت تضمن للأردن صيانة الأمن القومي وتدفع عنه خطر الجماعات العابرة للحدود، وتساهم في خلق مناطق نفوذ مؤجلة للمملكة، إلا أنها ذات ارتدادات أكثر خطورة على الداخل السوري ومستقبل المشروع الوطني فيه.

مركز عمران للدراسات

<https://goo.gl/IUT1DA>

أيلول 8، 2015

**معهد واشنطن****التدخل الروسي في سوريا (الجزء 1): تراجع القدرات العسكرية لن يردع موسكو**

الأدلة والصور والتقارير تشير لنشر روسيا جنودها في سوريا وزيادة حجم الدعم المقدم للنظام السوري، إضافة شحنات متطورة وبيوت جاهزة، وبغض النظر عن حجم التدخل الروسي فإنه يطرح أسئلة حول قدرات روسيا العسكرية بشكل عام.

آنا بورشفسكايا

<http://goo.gl/98HT3b>

أيلول 2015

معهد واشنطن



جيفري وايت

<http://goo.gl/tBpl4j>

## روسيا في سوريا (الجزء 2): التدايعات العسكرية

تشير التقارير المنسوبة إلى الحكومة الأمريكية وأجهزتها الاستخباراتية أن الروس يقومون ببناء قوة عسكرية للتدخل السريع بشن حملات جو-أرض على طول الساحل الغربي، تتجاوز الدور السابق الذي كانت تقوم به روسيا على مستوى الإمداد والاستشارة، ما قد يغير قواعد اللعبة حيث ستقوض قدرات إسرائيل على شن عمليات جوية فوق سورية، كما ستعرق عمليات التحالف الدولي ضد تنظيم الدولة الإسلامية الذي تقوده الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية.

**American Enterprise Institute**

9/1/2015

**A New Model for Defeating al Qaeda in Yemen**

The terrorist threat from Yemen is growing. Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), still likely the most potent al Qaeda terrorist threat to the US homeland, has expanded and strengthened as the Yemeni state has collapsed. AQAP success buttresses the global al Qaeda network, which remains cohesive despite the rise of the Islamic State in Iraq and al Sham (ISIS).



KATHERINE ZIMMERMAN

<http://goo.gl/ZXC5oA>
**Atlantic Council**

9/1/2015

**Seizing Local Opportunities in Syria**

Despite its many external players, the Syrian war is ultimately a local conflict, with causes and drivers rooted in a complex, diverse country. Without an effective and nuanced local component, external, top-down attempts at reaching a lasting peace and defeating the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) will likely fail; there are too many different, fluctuating realities on the ground.



BASSAM BARABANDI

<http://goo.gl/ASOzjJ>
**Atlantic Council**

9/3/2015

**Syria Banks Will Wait Out the Conflict**

Many observers have dubbed the conflict in Syria an international one, as regional and global powers compete through direct and proxy actors on Syrian territory. Their different forms of intervention has both shaped and transformed the Syrian revolution, which started with local protests in March 2011 as a rejection to the untenable status quo.



RASHAD AL-KATTAN

<http://goo.gl/f7uhLk>

**Atlantic Council**

9/4/2015

**Syria: Don't Let Perfect Be the Enemy of Good**

Foreign Policy published an intriguing article by Aaron David Miller, arguing that the current US Syria policy is the inevitable outcome of President Barack Obama's foreign policy worldview. Among these beliefs, Miller cited the president's determination to extricate the United States from and keep it out of wars; his skepticism of the ability of the United States to shape complex political outcomes abroad; and his refusal to take action that would jeopardize nuclear negotiations with Iran.



FAYSAL ITANI

<http://goo.gl/7skhJe>**Atlantic Council**

9/10/2015

**Obama's Failure to Stop Assad Contributes to Refugee Crisis**

Change "can't" to "don't" or "rarely," and the plaintive words of the corrupt William Magear "Boss" Tweed in reaction to the scathing cartoons of Thomas Nast in 1870s New York City might just as easily be placed on the lips of President Barack Obama, as images of dead Syrian children washing up on Turkish beaches awaken a dormant American public to a humanitarian abomination and policy catastrophe.



FREDERIC C. HOF

<http://goo.gl/CEHaua>**Atlantic Council**

9/14/2015

**Syria: The Right Salafis Can Make All the Difference**

Salafi groups in Western media have triggered a debate over the jihadists' role in the Syria war. The proliferation of terrorist groups like the Islamic State (ISIS or ISIL) has left the West wary of the Salafis, a narrative used by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to promote himself as a counterweight to the spread of extremism an expansive label lumping together secular rebels and Salafi factions.



MONA ALAMI

<http://goo.gl/V7B5LC>



**Atlantic Council**

9/14/2015

**Syria: Moscow Makes a Move**

Although the precise nature of Russia's recent upgrading of its military presence in Syria remains largely opaque to Western eyes, one thing seems clear: Moscow has doubled-down in its support of Bashar al-Assad and the family-based Assad regime. Any illusions about Moscow not being wedded to the regime should now be gone.



FREDERIC C. HOF

<http://goo.gl/3OtMCx>
**Atlantic Council**

9/15/2015

**Currency debate in Syria**

Opposition groups in Syria's North are opting to use the Turkish lira over the Syrian pound to take advantage of a more stable currency, while also deliberately seeking to devalue the Syrian pound and undermine Assad's power.



TAREK RADWAN

<http://goo.gl/3zjQGO>
**Atlantic Council**

9/15/2015

**Syria: What to do About the Russian Challenge**

Russia's military buildup on a Syrian airbase south of Latakia combined with the escalating hemorrhage of Syrian humanity confronts President Barack Obama's administration with facts it has tried mightily to avoid for years: the Syrian crisis is not containable; it cannot be held at arm's length; and it cannot be treated with mantra-like incantations about people losing legitimacy, the crying need for a diplomatic settlement, and the amount of money being spent to help refugees.



FREDERIC C. HOF

<http://goo.gl/j3Z4ym>

**Atlantic Council**

8/10/2015

**Seizing Local Opportunities in Syria**

Despite the many external players involved, the Syrian war is ultimately a local conflict. In "Seizing Local Opportunities in Syria," authors Faysal Itani of the Atlantic Council's Rafik Hariri Center and Co-Founder of People Demand Change Bassam Barabandi identify three opportunities on the ground for the United States to develop partnerships with segments of the Syrian population.



BASSAM BARABANDI

<http://goo.gl/j4WvdS>**Atlantic Council**

9/2/2015

**Iran Debates Its Regional Role**

Concerns in the United States and its traditional Middle Eastern allies about Iran's expanding regional role in the aftermath of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), reached between Iran and the P5+1 on July 14, 2015, fail to take into consideration a significant debate within the Iranian policy elite. In "Iran Debates Its Regional Role," University of Tehran Professor Nasser Hadian dispels commonly held myths about Iran and its regional goals, and presents a native perspective of Iran's threat calculations and the resulting spectrum of policy perspectives.



NASSER HADIAN

<http://goo.gl/VNNJEk>

**Bloomberg View**

9/10/2015

**Russia's Syrian Air Base Has U.S. Scrambling for a Plan**

The Barack Obama administration and the U.S. intelligence community have concluded that Russia is set to start flying combat missions from a new air base inside Syria, but there's disagreement inside the U.S. government on what to do about it.

**Bloomberg**

JOSH ROGIN

<http://goo.gl/HjubM9>**Carnegie Council**

9/15/2015

**No Peace in Syria without Justice**

Europe's refugee crisis has pointed a much needed spotlight on the crisis on Syria. Half of all refugees coming to Europe are Syrians and their exodus is being fuelled by the violence and destruction all too rife across Syria.



**CARNEGIE COUNCIL**  
*The Voice for Ethics  
in International Affairs*

NAJIB GHADBIAN

<http://goo.gl/uwtcsl>**Carnegie Europe**

9/8/2015

**A Russian Intervention in Syria?**

When no good options remain, tough decisions have to be made. Hard ethical judgment calls, too. Is Syrian President Bashar al-Assad a murderous dictator who has waged unbelievably brutal war on his own people to stay in power? Yes. Would anyone be better off if the so-called Islamic State were residing in Damascus instead of him? Certainly not.



**CARNEGIE  
EUROPE**

JAN TECHAU

<http://goo.gl/Sff2og>

**Center for International & Security at Maryland**

9/1/2015

**Iranian Public Opinion on the Nuclear Agreement**

The current study was conducted shortly after the JCPOA was released and approved by the U.N. Security Council. The survey seeks to understand how attitudes and expectations have changed since the nuclear deal was achieved. It also explores the relationship between Iranians' assumptions about the terms of the deal, their expectations about its benefits and risks, and their attitudes toward their current political leaders, the United States, and the other countries in the negotiations.



NANCY GALLAGHER

<http://goo.gl/qzmxan>**Combating Terrorism Center**

9/11/2015

**AL-QA`IDA PLAYS A LONG GAME IN SYRIA**

Abstract: Since its public emergence in Syria in January 2012, the al-Qa`ida affiliate Jabhat al-Nusra has consistently sought to balance its transnational jihadist ideology and objectives with pragmatic efforts to integrate and embed itself within revolutionary dynamics. Maintaining this delicate balance has not been easy, but having succeeded to date, Jabhat al-Nusra is currently one of the most powerful and influential armed actors in Syria. Ultimately, however, the group is a wolf in sheep's clothing.



CHARLES LISTER

<https://goo.gl/wpgSDa>**Council on Foreign Relations**

9/15/2015

**The Realities of Using Force to Protect Civilians in Syria**

These fatality estimates used by the Times should therefore be viewed with an understanding of the inherent difficulties of reporting from within Syria, and the conscious or unconscious biases often found within NGOs.



MICAH ZENKO

<http://goo.gl/XYQiVK>

**European Council on Foreign Relation**

9/14/2015

**Turkey, the Kurds and the fight against Islamic State**

Europe must prioritise diplomatic support for peace between Turkey and the Kurds as a pre-requisite for a successful strategy against Islamic State.



CALE SALIH

<http://goo.gl/ZxczDo>**Foeign Policy Research Institute**

9/1/2015

**Understanding Why People Flock to the Islamic State**

On August 12, two teens from Mississippi were apprehended on their way to join the Islamic State (IS). One, a student about to enter a graduate psychology program, and the other an honor student and daughter of a police officer. In a story that has become increasingly common, individuals who otherwise bear no connection to the radicalism of IS are leaving their countries by the thousands to join the terrorist group.



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<http://goo.gl/gVD0JY>**Gatestone Institute**

9/4/2015

**Saudi Arabia: The Region's New Superpower**

President Barack Obama may have hailed his deal with Iran as an historic breakthrough, but this is not how it is being viewed in Saudi Arabia, where the kingdom has responded to Washington's attempted rapprochement with Iran by embarking on a massive military build up.



CON COUGHLIN

<http://goo.gl/QBWIUu>

**Hudson Institue**

9/5/2015

**The Naqshbandi-Khalidi Order And Political Islam In Turkey**

In the past two decades, Turkey has emerged on the global scene. It has enjoyed dramatic economic growth that has catapulted it into the exclusive G20 club of major economies; and under the rule of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his Justice and Development Party (AKP), Turkey has enjoyed unprecedented political stability.



SVANTE E. CORNELL

<http://goo.gl/jA2tj1>
**Hudson Institue**

9/3/2015

**Key To Future Lies In Past: Worldview Of Erdoğan And Davutoğlu**

When Turkey's Justice and Development Party (Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi, or AKP) triumphed in that country's parliamentary election in 2002, observers declared the moment a watershed. They did so for a number of reasons, but the primary one was the belief in the AKP's potential to demonstrate the compatibility of Islam and democracy to the broader Muslim world.



MICHAEL A. REYNOLD

<http://goo.gl/vU12xB>
**International Crisis Group**

9/2/2015

**New Approach in Southern Syria**

The Syrian war rages on, its devastating civilian toll rising with no viable political solution in sight. Diplomacy is stymied by the warring parties' uncompromising positions, reinforced by political deadlock between their external backers.



INT. CRISIS GROUP

<http://goo.gl/Sm7ha5>

**Iran Review**

9/14/2015

**Bolstering Russia's Military Interaction With Syria: Necessities And Considerations**

Although there is nothing new about Russia's military assistance to Syria, raising the level of this assistance under present circumstances has elicited a host of reactions and sensitivities, and some people have even described it as a measure, which can turn Moscow from "part of the solution" to Syria's problem to "part of the problem."

**Iran Review**

ALIREZA NOORI

<http://goo.gl/2JZRwY>**Israel Defense**

9/3/2015

**"The Middle East Faces a New Arms Race"**

An exclusive, fascinating interview with Ram Ben-Barak, Director General of the Ministry for Intelligence Affairs, about the implications of the agreement with Iran, the Sunni-Shi'ite war and the difficulties encountered by Hezbollah and his own aspirations to become the next Director of the Mossad.

**ISRAELDEFENSE**

AMIR RAPAPORT

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

9/12/2015

**The Bear Steps In: Russia's Expanding Military Presence in Syria**

The current increase of the Russian military presence in north-west Syria is a function of the declining military fortunes of the Assad regime. It represents a quantitative, rather than qualitative, change in the nature of the Russian engagement in Syria.


**Middle East Forum**

JONATHAN SPYER

<http://goo.gl/OL5B1J>

**Middle East Institute**

9/14/2015

**Syria's Yarmouk Camp is Still Besieged**

This past June, the United Nations removed Yarmouk refugee camp from a list of what it terms “besieged areas” in Syria. The reason for this shift, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), is due to the availability of humanitarian aid via drop-offs at government checkpoints in nearby suburbs.



NIDAL BETARE

<http://goo.gl/HZ56m0>**New Eastern Outlook**

9/13/2015

**USA – the Ally of “Moderate” Terrorists**

Once again the “wisdom” of Washington’s generals raises the question about the American leadership ability in both political and military affairs. This time it is due to the recent statement of the once again notorious, although retired, former leading US General David Petraeus, that suggests actively relying on the Jabhat al-Nusra currently at war in Syria.



VIKTOR MIKHIN

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

9/10/2015

**Western Media Hype ‘Russian Aggression’ in Syria**

From Washington to the western media, everyone has been talking about reports of potential Russian ‘intervention’ in Syria. On the one hand, the proliferation of this meme is a case study in the western propaganda system, as one report is then repeated ad nauseam from thousands of sources, then built upon by subsequent reports, thereby manufacturing the irrefutable truth from the perspective of media pundits and western mouthpieces. On the other hand, the new reports also raise some interesting questions about the motives of both the US and Russia, as well as the other interested parties to the conflict in Syria.



ERIC DRAITSER

<http://goo.gl/FR2HJi>



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<http://goo.gl/aJSX0L>**S.Rajaratnam School of International Studies**

9/10/2015

**Iran Nuclear Deal: A Blessing In Disguise For Islamic State?**

The Iran nuclear deal pursued by the United States will be capitalised by the Islamic State (ISIS) within the aggrieved Sunnis as just another alliance between the West and the Shiites, thus lending more support for the ISIS push for a Caliphate. There will also be a rise in sectarian violence as a Sunni-Shia proxy war could be on the horizon.



SHAHZEB ALI RATHORE

<http://goo.gl/fTVzkw>**South Asia Analysis Group**

9/14/2015

**Russia's Foreign Policy 2015 Unhitched From Traditional Moorings**

Russia's foreign policy in 2015 appears unhitched from its traditional moorings of President Putin aspiration to re-emerge as an independent global power centre and has lapsed into playing second-fiddle and 'band-wagoning' with China, hardly reflecting Great Power aspirations.



SUBHASH KAPILA

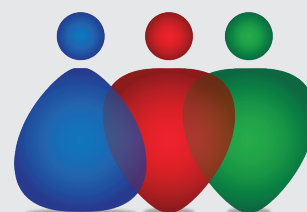
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**Syrian Network for Human Rights**

9/8/2015

**Syrian Government's Use of Barrel Bombs in August 2015**

By daily observing and recording the violations after the beginning of the popular protests in March 2011, we found out that first significant use of barrel bombs by government forces (Military forces, security forces, local militias, and foreign Shiite militias) was on Monday 1 October, 2012 in Idlib – Silqean town where a helicopter dropped a barrel bomb on a two-floor residential building which collapsed completely and 32 civilians, 120 others. It is worth noting that this might not be the first time barrel bombs were used but it was the first time it was used in such a notable manner. The international community was not familiar with that kind of weapon yet. Barrel bombs are random weapons and locally made, since it is less expensive and causes massive destruction and a great loss of lives. 99% of the casualties are civilians, where the percentage of targeted women and children ranges between 12 and 35%.



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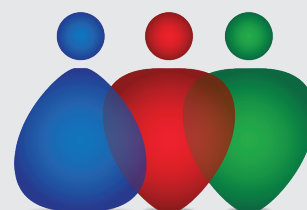
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**Not Less than 51 Massacres Committed in August 2015**

SNHR documented not less than 54 massacres that were committed in August.



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**The Daily Beast**

9/1/2015

**Russia Puts Boots on the Ground in Syria**

The numbers are small, but Moscow may be looking at its own version of mission creep in the treacherous Middle East.



MICHAEL WEISS

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## The Institute for National Security Studies

9/12/2015

### Russia's Reconciliation Efforts in Syria

Many recent reports have claimed that Russia intends to step up its involvement in Syrian affairs, continue its support for the regime of Bashar al-Assad, and attempt to stop the spread of the Islamic State. Concurrently, rumors suggest that Russia is stitching together broad understandings with several interested parties, including the United States, Iran, Saudi Arabia, France, and Egypt, whereby Russia is willing to accept Assad's resignation (and perhaps host him indefinitely in Moscow) but is not willing to topple the current regime or concede the Alawite domination of the Syrian political system. However, it also appears that something has recently gone awry in these understandings and Russia has chosen to respond by reinforcing its forces to defend the Assad regime and its control of the Syrian coastline.



ZVI MAGEN

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## The International Relations and Security Network

9/1/2015

### The Moral and the Strategic: The UK's Response to the Syrian Crisis

This brief examines the origins of the Syrian civil war, the regional and international impact of the conflict, and the response of the UK to the war and its effects. The author also focuses on the human cost of the conflict and the migration crisis it has caused in Syria's neighboring countries and Europe.



SIMON MABON

<http://goo.gl/9MCp8Q>

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### Turkey's Double Standard on Terrorism

In August 2015, Turkey accused the British broadcaster, the BBC of supporting terrorism following a report by the organization on women from the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) who are fighting the Islamic State. In light of this issue, this paper examines the groups to which Turkey has given support, but which are considered to be terrorist organizations by Egypt, Israel, the US, the EU and China.



CHRISTINA LIN

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## The National Defense University

9/7/2015

### Three Approaches To Center Of Gravity Analysis: The Islamic State

Since the establishment of the center of gravity (COG) concept as a fundamental planning factor in joint military doctrine, its proper identification has been considered crucial in successful attainment of desired objectives.



DANIEL J. SMITH

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## The New York Times

9/14/2015

### DEATH IN SYRIA

The constant violence has forced more than four million to flee the country, fueling a refugee crisis in the Middle East and Europe. The country is so dangerous that a definitive tally of deaths is not possible, but several groups are trying to document how many Syrians have died, and what killed them.



KAREN YOURISH

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## The Washington Institute

9/13/2015

### Iran and Iraq

A long, porous border and extensive political, economic, religious and cultural ties provide Iran the potential for significant influence in Iraq. Iranian attempts to wield influence, however, have often backfires, leading to a nationalist backlash by Iraqis and tensions with the Iraqi government. The U.S. withdrawal from Iraq in 2011 allowed Iran to enhance its influence, attempting to incorporate Iraq into the "axis of resistance." The rise of the so-called "Islamic State" has created new opportunities for Iran to expand its influence in Iraq and to present itself as the country's savior.



MICHAEL EISENSTADT

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**The Washington Institute**

9/15/2015

**In Syria, Putin Risks Repeating the Soviet's Union Afghanistan Mistake**

Russia can't fight a war in both Ukraine and Syria while also maintaining troops throughout the post-Soviet space, but Putin appears set on trying.



ANNA BORSHCHEVSKAYA

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9/15/2015

**Russia in Syria (Part 2): Military Implications**

As Moscow builds up a reportedly substantial presence in the coastal provinces, Washington and its allies need to consider how the intervention could affect the Assad regime's prospects of survival and the future of the campaign against ISIS.



JEFFREY WHITE

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9/8/2015

**Russia in Syria (Part 1): Declining Military Capabilities Won't Hold Moscow Back**

Although the reported intervention in Syria may spread Russia's armed forces too thin, the Kremlin seems poised to grow even more aggressive in its near abroad.



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**The Washington Institute**

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**This Deal or War? Misadventures in Deterring Iran**

Without a credible conventional deterrent that goes beyond mere rhetoric, the United States cannot stop Iran from running toward the bomb.



MICHAEL SINGH

<http://goo.gl/XvKZsR>**The Washington Institute**

9/4/2015

**Russian S-300 Missiles to Iran: Groundhog Day or Game-Changer?**

Potential military action against Iran would be much more risky if the regime does in fact acquire the advanced S-300 anti-aircraft missiles, but Moscow and Tehran have significant obstacles to overcome before that occurs.



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