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Kimberly Kagan
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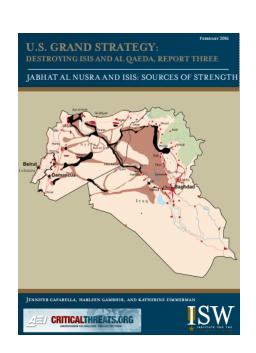
"The Russians have developed a way of getting the U.S. formally to permit offensive Russian military operations against American partners on the ground, all the while calling it a ceasefire."

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"How Russia Controls U.S. Policy"

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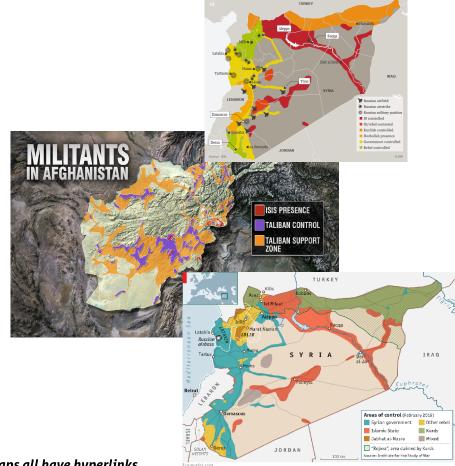


Russian presence in Syria



Third Report in the new ISW/CTP Series

Jabhat Al Nusra and ISIS: Sources of Strength



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Jennifer Cafarella Syria Analyst Evans Hanson Fellow

"Al Qaeda, meanwhile, has been quietly playing the long game. America's focus elsewhere has played directly into the group's hands...and set up a return to the global stage once ISIS is defeated. "

> CNN Op-Ed "Why the Most Dangerous Group in Syria Isn't ISIS"

> > 02/26/2016



"The U.S. requires partnerships with Syrian armed opposition groups in order to destroy ISIS and al-Qaida affiliate Jabhat al Nusra in the long term "

> Voice of America 02/17/2016



"The recapture of Aleppo City could actually be sufficient to encourage many Syrian opposition fighters to stop fighting, and to abandon the war against Assad."

BBC News

02/22/2016



"Russian air power is allowing Assad forces to advance against previously formidable foes."

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Chicago Tribune 02/08/2016

"The siege of Aleppo, unless somehow averted, will transform the Syrian opposition into something far worse for American interests at home and abroad."

Fox News Opinion

"American security is at risk in Aleppo: Why Syria's second largest city matters to the U.S."

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"ISIS is prioritizing fighting the Syrian regime over Kurdish forces. We are at the beginning of that trend."



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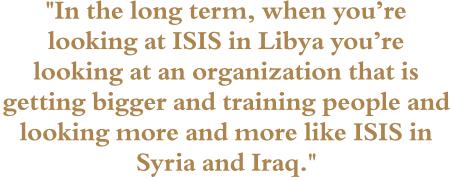
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Harleen Gambhir Counter-terrorism Analyst

"ISIS didn't control any terrain along Libya's central coast this time last year" Foreign Policy

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Buzzfeed 2/19/2016 Buzz Feed

"It's one of the first cases of Europeans going to Libya instead of directly going to Syria, and I think we might see more of that in the future, particularly as it becomes harder to get to Syria"

> International Business Times 2/12/2016

> > IBT



Patrick Martin Iraq Analyst

"Retaking Mosul would be a "massive hit" to the Islamic State, said Patrick Martin, an Iraq expert at the Institute for the Study of War."

> The New York Times 2/29/2016



"The U.S. risks fueling long-term ethnic conflict in both Iraq and Syria due to the relative empowerment of the Kurds at the expense of other local powerbrokers, often Sunni Arabs."

> Associated Press 2/08/2016





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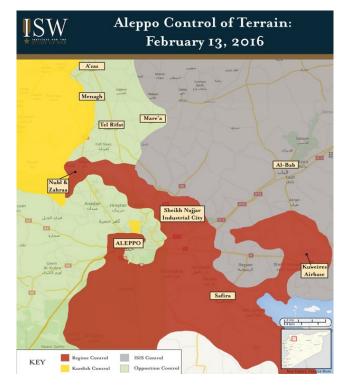


"A likely response to the siege of Aleppo, Kozak said, is that Saudi Arabia sends additional reinforcements 'including Manpads [surface-to-air anti-aircraft missiles] and other sophisticated weapons' to rebel groups fighting the regime and the multitude of Iranian-backed militias on the ground."

Christopher Kozak
Syria Analyst

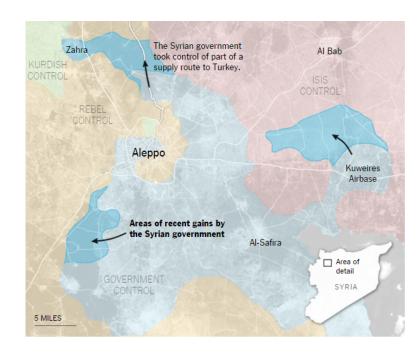
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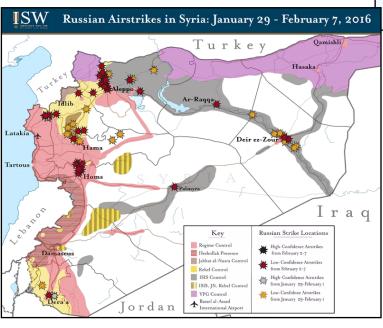
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Genevieve Casagrande
Syria Analyst*

★And primary airstrikes map creator



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Financial Times 02/04/2016





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Christopher Harmer

Non-Resident

Senior Naval Analyst

"Not enforcing a no-fly zone is the "single biggest mistake" the West has made in Syria."

> Associated Press 02/17/2016

> > AP

"The Pentagon sees [the Islamic State] has morphed into exactly what al-Qaida was after 9/11."

Stars and Stripes 02/19/2016

"A pilot who gets 10 hours of flight time a month is more likely to be involved in a pilot-induced error than a pilot who gets 30 flight hours a month."

The Virginian Pilot 2/23/2016



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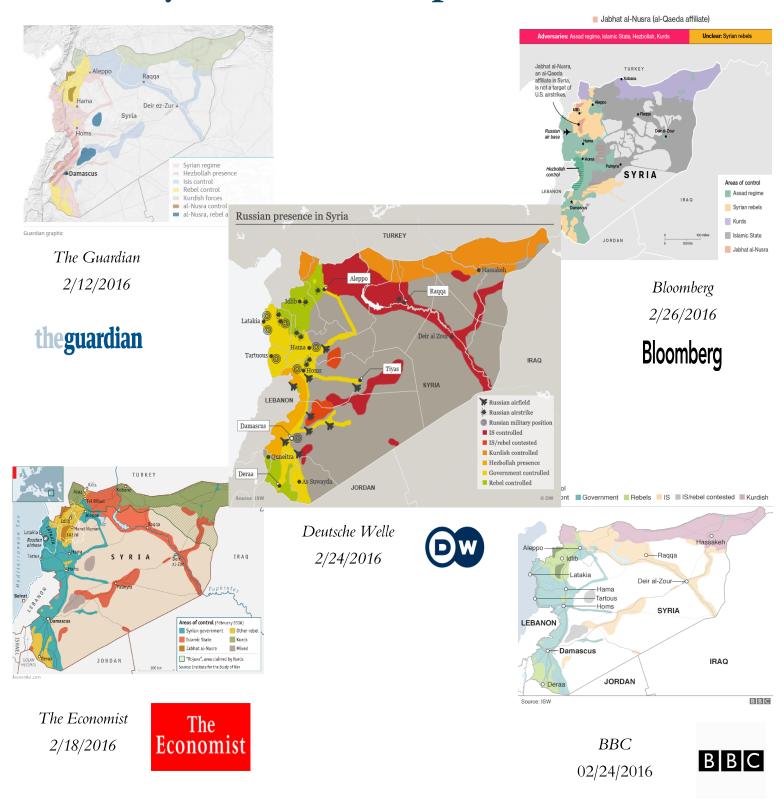
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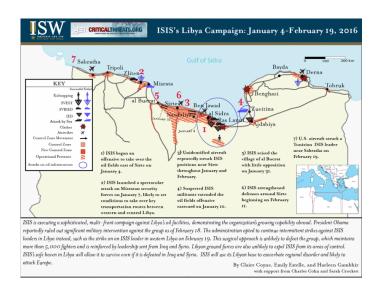
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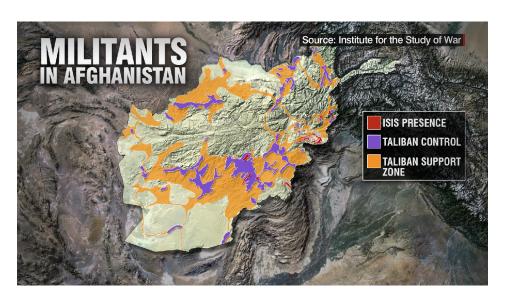
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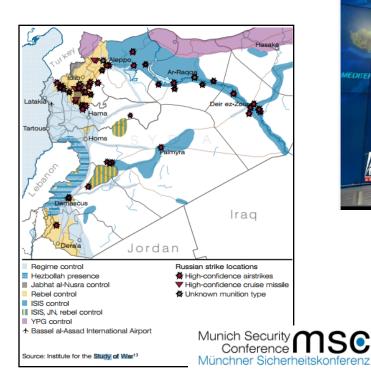
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