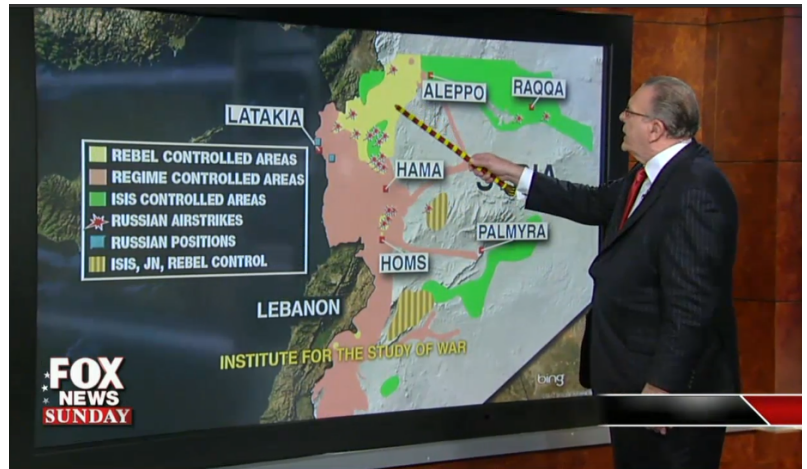


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**“The Taliban is fighting as an army. They are able to mass in ways they haven’t before...The threat is growing and mutating.”**

**"We have the foundations of a regional, if not a global, jihad again in Afghanistan...The world watched Isis transform itself from a small terrorist organization based in Mosul into an army that could seize territory and hold it. We are now watching the Taliban metastasise and we should be extremely worried; we should be taking steps now to stop Afghanistan following the same course as Iraq."**



10/02/2015



## Christopher Harmer

*Senior Naval Analyst*

**What would be a quagmire for us would be a walk in the park to them...There are going to be some Russians killed. But it's not going to be Afghanistan, where thousands of Russians were killed (during the 1979-1989 Soviet occupation).**

**"I don't look at any of these developments as a legacy, so much as the continuation of a war that the American public should understand will be multi-generational...It took the U.S. 40 years to win the Cold War.**

**The war against radical terrorist organizations like the Taliban and ISIS will take at least that long"**

*The Los Angeles Times*

10/16/15

## Los Angeles Times

**"The Eastern Europeans have only been free of Soviet occupation for 25 years...That memory is still fresh."**

*The Los Angeles Times*

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**"At some point Russians will fly into Iraq but it will be window dressing to show they can do it...It would purely be a messaging strike. It is not going to fundamentally alter the war."**

*The Daily Beast*

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*McClatchy DC*

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**China would be happy to see Assad survive, simply to embarrass the U.S...Beijing has been increasingly committed to the Iranian regime, so they have a bit of an adoptive relationship with Syria via Iran .**

*The Daily Beast*

10/27/2015



**"This latest U.S. policy is a continuation of the extend-and-pretend policy. We continue to fiddle around the margins."**

*The Los Angeles Times*

10/31/2015



## Christopher Kozak

### *Syria Analyst*

"The choice of targeting thus far has made it clear that the Russian priority is...to bolster Assad's regime," "

"The main priority of the Russians is preserving the structures of the Syrian regime, the structures of the Syrian state, to be their foothold in the Middle East and to be their leverage point within the region.....I think the only way the Russians see that moving forward is if Assad is in power. They don't really see an alternative to that."

"The regime's line has always been that Assad is the legitimate ruler of Syria, and they will reassert control over the country, and that the international community should make a choice ... it's the Assad regime or it's al-Qaeda and ISIS"

*Business Insider*

10/5/15

## BUSINESS INSIDER

The Russian strikes are directly targeting the moderate opposition and disproportionately focusing on these more moderate FSA groups, Groups that are otherwise distinguishable will be driven to these more hard line groups in order to seek more protection and in order to seek more support

*The Australian*

10/15/2015



*Voice of America*

10/02/15

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"The Syrian regime has not gained much terrain in the first week of its large-scale ground offensive against rebel forces, despite support from intensified Russian airstrikes and hundreds of Iranian proxy reinforcements"

*Yahoo! News*

10/19/15



**Harleen Gambhir**

*Counter-terrorism Analyst*



**"ISIS has provided a new model for Jihadism and a new model that will outlast ISIS as an organization. This propaganda campaign is something that will certainly be taken up."**

*Wilson Center*

*10/15/15*

**"The Islamic State here in Libya is still young. It is in great need of every Muslim who can come, especially medical, sharia and administrative personnel, in addition to fighters. ISIS has been recruiting from Tunisia, from Libya already...But the movement of a bunch of fighters from Syria to Libya would signify a much more intense effort there."**

*International Business Times*

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**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES**

**Jennifer Cafarella**

*Syria Analyst, Evans Hanson Fellow*

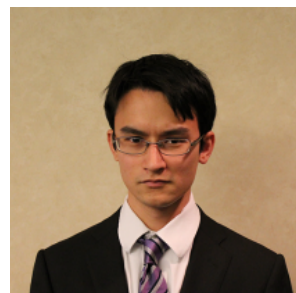


**"I think it's tempting for a lot of Americans to see Russia's entry into the Syrian civil war of relieving a sense of burden or requirement...There's a desire to see Russian involvement as something constructive, but reality is unfortunately the opposite."**

*International Business Times*

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**The Economist**



**Patrick Martin**

*Iraq Analyst*

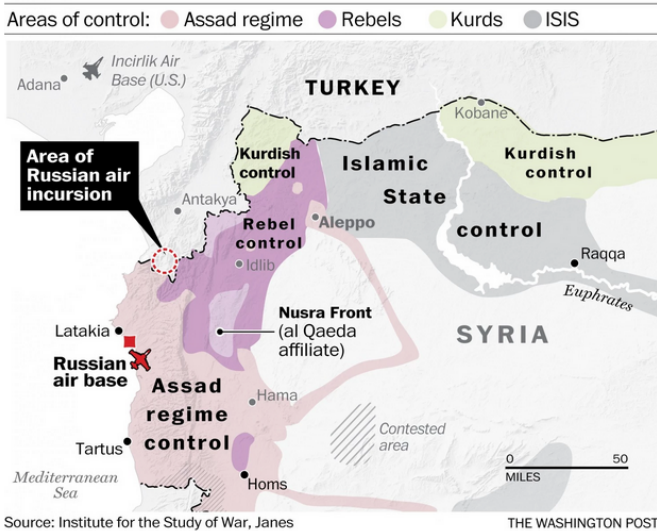
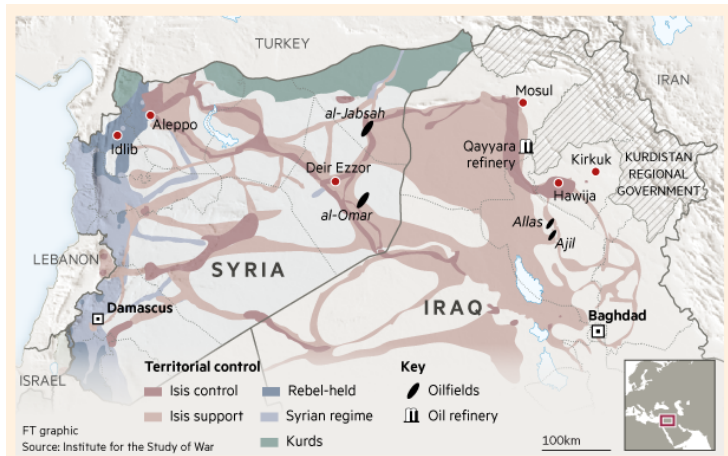
**The more the Iranian proxy militias succeed in Baiji without an ISF breakthrough in Ramadi "the more pressure there is on Abadi".**

*The Economist*

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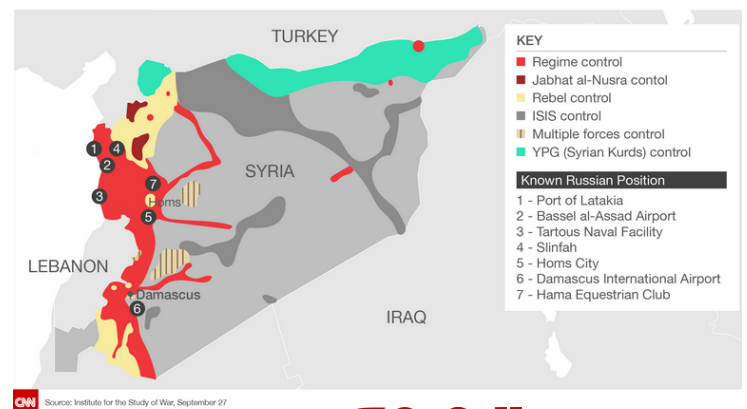
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Russia has set up shop in western Syria



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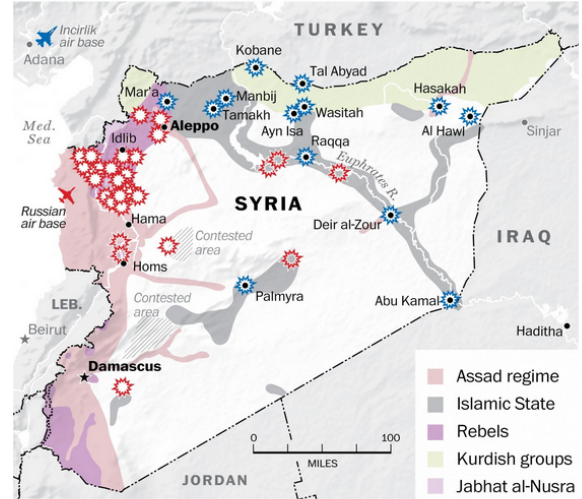


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**Russian and Coalition airstrike locations in Syria**  
September 30–October 12, 2015

Airstrikes: ✶ Russian ✶ Coalition

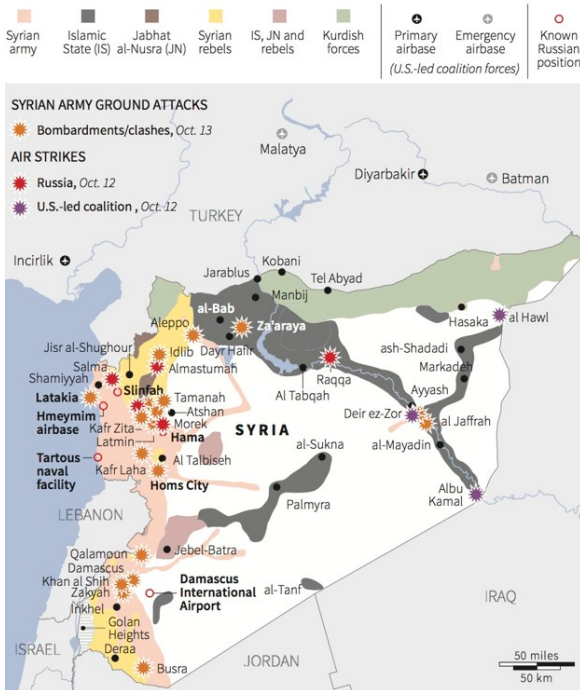
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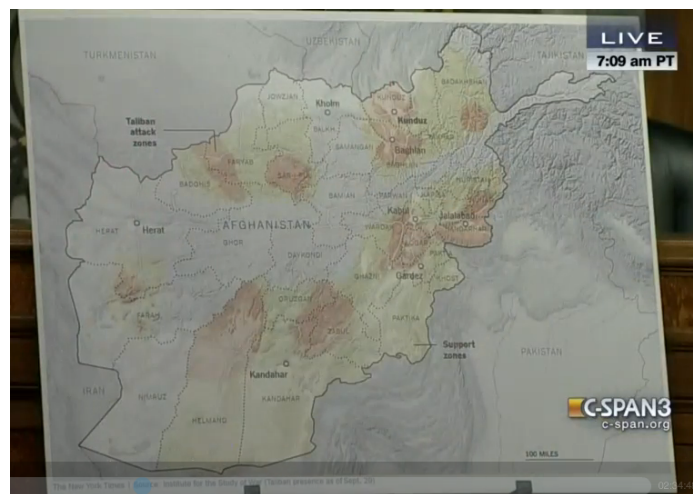
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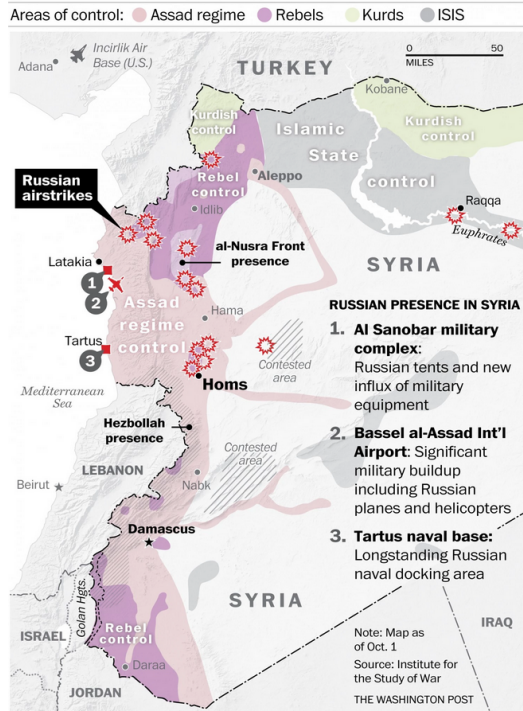


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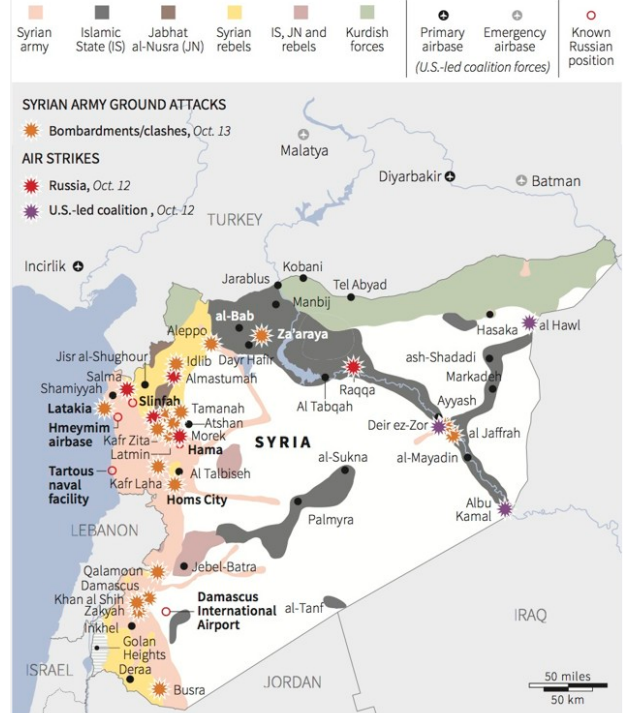
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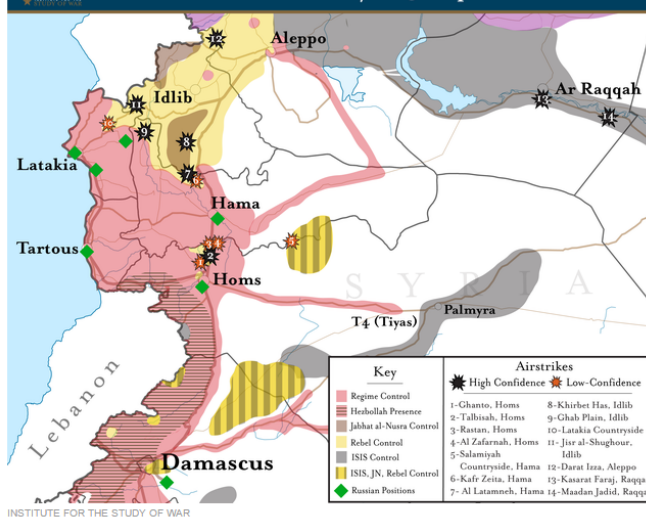
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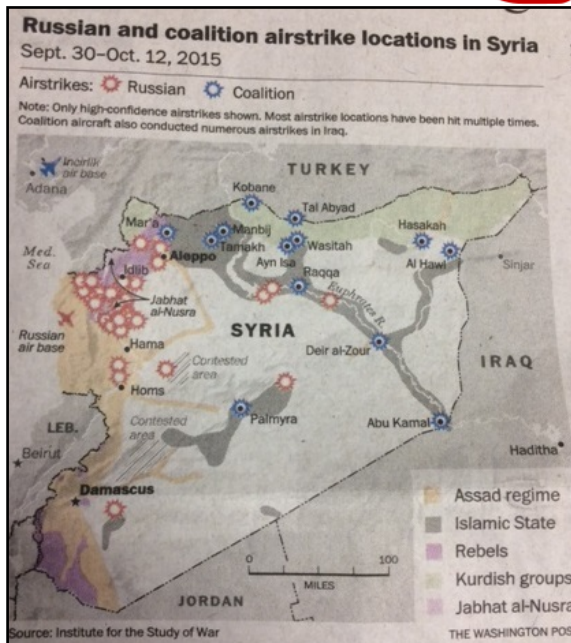
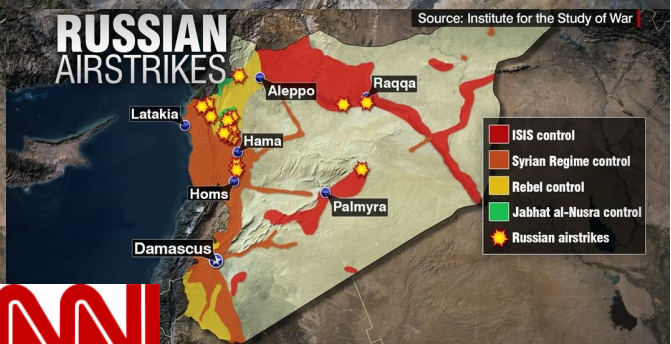
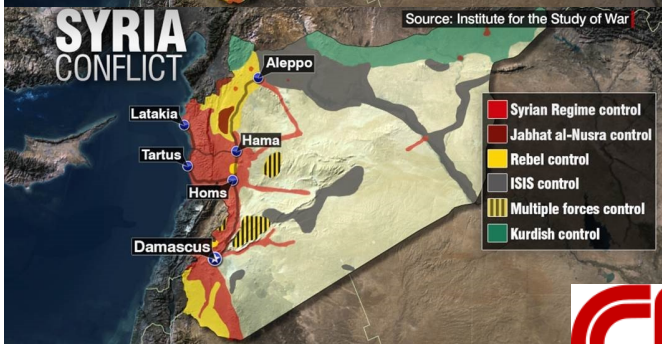
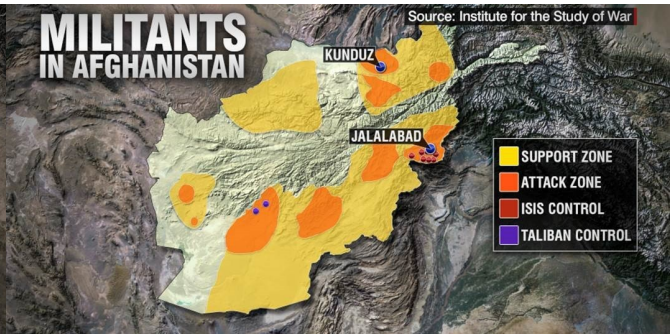
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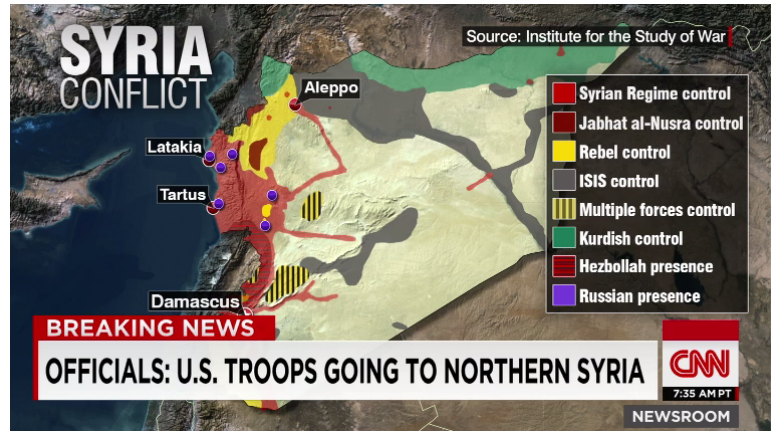
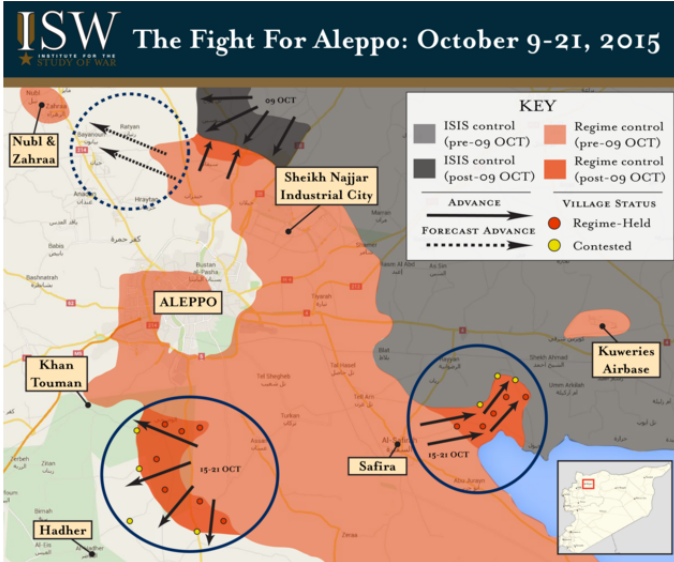
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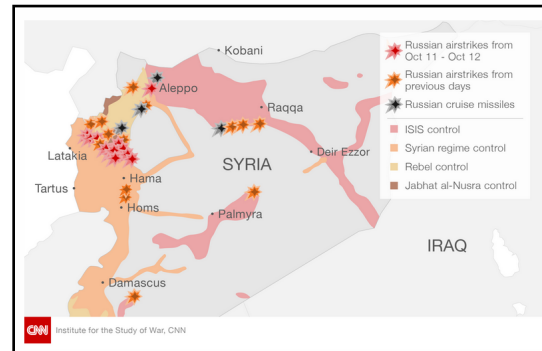
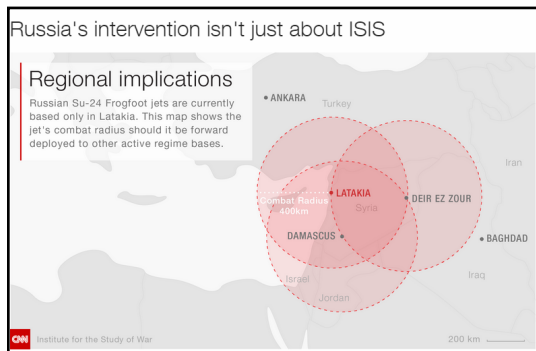


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