

Syria: A First Major Win Due To The Cessation of Hostilities Agreement

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The Russian/Syrian agreement to the cessation of hostilities in Syria is [seen critical](#) from a military point of view. It would have been better to use the current momentum and to proceed fighting instead of giving respite to the enemy.

But the agreement has one huge advantage. It excludes the Islamic State and Jabhat al-Nusra. Every “western” media report on the agreement and its likelihood to proceed now has to admit what has long been denied. That the unicorn U.S. supported “moderate rebels” are in deep alliance with al-Qaeda.

Even the grey lady now [concedes](#):

many of the anti-Assad groups aligned with the United States fight alongside the Nusra Front

The readers of such piece note that the U.S. is actually supporting the terrorists it claimed to be fighting for the last 13 years. Somehow that does not compute. This will put pressure the Obama administration. It can hardly blame Russia and Syria for continuing a campaign against Al-Qaeda even during a cessation of hostility with U.S. supported “moderates”. The U.S. [lauds itself](#) over killing alleged Al-Qaeda followers in drone strikes all over the world. How can it blame Russia for doing like in Syria?

But not only “western” media are now exposed. The new situation compels the actors behind Nusra/al-Qaeda to [reveal their positions](#):

The PYD is supported because it fights against ISIL. Nusra Front is also fighting against ISIL. Why is it bad?” [the Turkish President Erdogan] asked. AIDS also kills ISIL? Why is it bad?

Just in time the BBC is [reporting](#) what everybody watching the war on Yemen already knew. Al-Qaeda is fighting together Saudi and other Gulf troops in their assault on the city of Taiz.

Since 9/11 the “western” public has been conditioned to see Al-Qaeda as the evil enemy. I do not think that it is possible to eradicate that within a few weeks or month.

With the push for the cessation of hostilities the Russian/Syrian side has won a major point in the public relation position. It is becoming clear to even average “western” reader that they are fighting real terrorists while the U.S. and its allies support at least associates to

terrorists, if not the terrorists themselves.

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