How Does the Syrian Civil War End for Hezbollah?

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Recent news of an American-Russian-brokered ceasefire has rekindled hopes for a desperately-needed de-escalation in the bloody and prolonged civil war raging in Syria. Unfortunately, there are plenty of reasons to curb our collective enthusiasm when it comes to gauging the chances that this ceasefire will not only stick in the long term, but also lead to a credible political process and to the resolution of the conflict. At the same time, with the civil war well into its fifth year, it is necessary to reflect on the termination of hostilities as well as the enduring legacy of the conflict on some of the main parties on the ground.

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[1] Benedetta Berti, "The Syrian Civil War and its Consequences for Hezbollah," *FPRI E-Notes*, December 28, 2015, http://www.fpri.org/article/2015/12/the-syrian-civil-war-and-its-consequences-for-hezbollah/.

[2] *Takfir* means excommunication in Arabic. *Takfiris* are those who excommunicate other Muslims for supporting interpretations of Islam that differ from their own, and thus consider them legitimate targets for attack.

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