

Viewpoint

## **Russia and Iran's turning point**

Russia's use of an Iranian air base to strike targets in Syria has little operational significance, but is of strategic importance

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The August 16 announcement by the governments of Russia and Iran that Russia had deployed fighter jets at the Iranian airbase in Hamadan (southwest of Tehran) and that sorties were executed against military targets of Islamic State and Jabhat al-Fateh a-Sham (formerly Jabhat al-Nusra) in Syria is a turning point in developments in the region.

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