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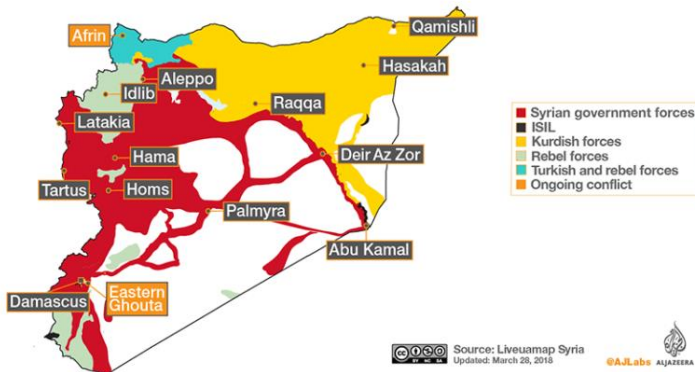
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Then foreign countries focused on the destruction of Islamic State (IS) as the common goal. IS stood in inferior situation. IS called for Muslims living in the US, Europe and Russia to carry out the suicide bombing. Some IS combatants were requested to go home and participate in terror activities. The former was called homegrown terror and the latter was called hometown terror. To prevent homegrown or hometown terrors, IS had to be destroyed completely as soon as possible. Only Syrian government's army and the Kurdish force of the Syrian Democratic Force could be effective against the IS. However, Kurdish troops are not in a position to get support from Russia, Turkey and Iran.

Ultimately, Western countries including the United States put aside the elimination of President Al-Assad for the time being. They focused to the fight against IS. They overlooked the military operations by Syria and Russia. Government and anti-government forces bombed the Islamic State (IS) separately.

Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries once supported the Syrian Democratic Force of Sunni were abandoned by the United States. Was the enemy' enemy a friend or another enemy? The chaos in Syria was deepened. The future of the Middle East was invisible now.

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