

Orientation Notes Regarding The Conflicts in Aleppo, Syria

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- A few days ago, jihadist groups led by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) launched a surprise offensive on Aleppo, one of the largest cities in Syria. Meanwhile, the “Syrian National Army” (SNA), another jihadist gang formation supported by Turkey, attacked both Assad’s forces and Kurdish forces led by the YPG through Idlib. The reason that the nature of this attack on Aleppo can be considered as surprise is because that the Assad regime, with the heavy support of Russia and Iran, had consolidated its power in the city almost since 2015, when it expelled the opposition factions from Aleppo. Russian airstrikes were decisive in the process.



- The recent capture of Aleppo by the jihadist forces must be analyzed through the contradictions in the world and in the region, regardless of whether they will be able to retain control of the city or not. As a matter of fact, the three decisive factors for the Assad regime’s military success are the active use of Russian air power, Iran’s Shiite proxy militias, particularly Hezbollah, and the Iranian Revolutionary Guards command’s leadership in the conflict. Russian imperialism is advancing more aggressively in the uncertainty created in the Ukraine War, due in particular to the arrival of Trump in office, and its influence on conflicts elsewhere in the world has been weakened by the intensification of the conflict with the Ukrainian forces, which are almost a decoy armed with all NATO’s weapons. Hezbollah forces, on the other hand, are in a weakened position on the Syrian front as a result of Israel’s genocide in Gaza and its murderous attacks on Lebanon, expanding the battlefield. The other decisive component of the war: Iran, which has been

