

Comparing Combatants in Syria - Iraq Theater

COUNTRIES - INTERESTS	WHAT THEY INTEND TO GAIN	COST	WHAT THEY OFFER	GOVERNMENT: CURRENT PROPOSED ^o		ECONOMY
USA	Arms sales, Destabilize the region in order to import consumption	Operational expenses & loss of influence ^[1]	Transient tactical advantage for no one in particular	Corporate plutocracy	None ^[2]	Capital destruction - consumption / Ponzi finance.
EC – UK	Arms sales, Thwart militant attacks on the Continent	Irrelevance, expenses related to managing migrant influx.	Homeland for migrants	Corporate plutocracy	None	Capital destruction - Ponzi finance.
RUSSIA	Arms sales, Increased international prestige	Bankruptcy of Russia	Transient tactical advantages for Syrian - Assad government	Single party police state: ‘Tyrant on a stick’ (TOAS) ^[3]	Single party police state (TOAS)	Petro - state
IRAN	Regional hegemony vs. Saudi Arabia; strategic advantage vs. Israel	Bankruptcy of Iran	Transient tactical advantages for Syrian Assad government	Sectarian dictatorship, (TOAS):	Single party police state (TOAS)	Petro - state
SAUDI ARABIA	Regional hegemony vs. Iran.	Bankruptcy of Saudi Arabia - civil war	Funds, weapons, political cover, tactical advantage for anti - Assad forces	Sectarian monarchy (TOAS)	Sectarian single party police state	Petro - state
QATAR	Collaborator w/ junior partner of Saudi Arabia	Bankruptcy of Qatar	Funds for militants, Ideological support	Sectarian monarchy (TOAS)	Sectarian single party police state	Petro - state
ISRAEL	Destabilize rivals - neighboring states.	Unknown ^[4]	Nothing	Republic tending toward sectarian single party police state.	None	Capital destruction - consumption / Ponzi finance
SYRIA	Perpetual rule by hereditary tyrant	Total destruction of the country	‘Stability Myth’	Genocidal single party police state (TOAS)	Genocidal single party police state (TOAS)	Post - peak oil petro - state /agrarian
IRAQ	Control over territory by factions	Partition of the country into three components & operational expenses.	Sectarian intolerance	Partitioned; South Iraq is an Iranian protectorate / false republic.	(TOAS)	Petro - state(s)
TURKEY	Organic fuel supply, by way of a protectorate including Syria - and northern Iraq	Bankruptcy of Turkey, civil war and partition.	Sanction for genocide (by way of proxies)	Sectarian single - party police state (TOAS)	Neo- Ottoman - satrapy, colonial administration	Capital destruction - consumption / Ponzi finance
JORDAN	Repulse jihadi militant inroads, resolve refugee crisis.	Operational and refugee management expenses	Nothing	Old - school constitutional monarchy.	None	Capital destruction - consumption / Ponzi finance
LEBANON	Resist jihadi militant inroads resolve refugee crisis	Political instability, refugee management expenses.	Nothing	Quasi - republic: (See ‘Hezbollah)	None	Capital destruction - Ponzi finance
ISLAMIC STATE	Control fuel supply in Syria - northern Iraq (acting for Turkey)	Destruction of its basis of support	‘Fake’ political - religious legitimacy	Warlord on a stick	‘Sharia’ type warlord state.	Outright theft,
NON - ISIS JIHADIS / FSA	Replace current Syrian government (acting for Turkey, KSA, US, Qatar)	Destruction of its basis of support .	Nothing	Warlord(s) on a stick	‘Sharia’ type warlord state	Proxies of external powers w/ external funding.
HEZBOLLAH	Become Shia sectarian successor to Assad’s ‘Baathist’ regime in Syria: (Iranian proxy)	Severe manpower losses, loss of credibility leading to destruction of the organization.	‘Security myth’	Sectarian single party police state ex-Lebanese Republic (TOAS)	Sectarian police state (TOAS)	External funding by Iran.
SYRIA KURD	Autonomy within a Syrian federal republic framework.	Operational expenses, subject to genocide by Turkish proxies.	Self - determination, womens’ rights, anti - jihadist secular government.	Modified self - rule	To be determined ^[5]	Agrarian - smuggling
IRAQI KURD	Independent Kurdish state.	Operational - and refugee management expenses.	Anti - jihadist, secular redoubt	Hereditary duopoly; pan - Kurdish nationalist.	Possible amalgamation w/ other Kurdish states.	Petro - state
TURKISH KURD	Political legitimacy within framework of Turkish constitution.	Operational expenses, political marginalization.	Self - determination, within framework of Turkish constitution.	Modified self - rule	Call for independence under certain circumstances (see below). ^[6]	Agrarian - smuggling

° This chart is largely self – explanatory. GOVERNMENT CURRENT | PROPOSED: lists the countries’ governments along with what they would impose upon areas where they operate.

[1] – Operational expenses includes salaries and ongoing, production and replacement of manpower, material, infrastructure needed to conduct- or resulting from operations.

[2] – ‘None’ = no intended political outcome, commercial or other gains only.

[3] – Single - party state promoted cult of personality – ‘tyrant on a stick’ (TOAS)

[4] – Israeli costs cannot be determined due to wide range of potential outcomes; most likely to be indirect.

[5] – Outcome is contingent on Syrian Kurdish ambitions and statesmanship along with the response of external groups.

[6] – A Turkish defeat on the battlefield or an outright Turkish invasion of Syria would likely trigger a Kurdish revolution, partition and independent Kurdish state.

NOTES: All information on this chart is the observation of the author, derived from published, publicly available information, is not investment advice.