

# War in Syria

## Russian Press Coverage, 2015-2017

*War in Syria: Russian Press Coverage, 2015-2017* fills a unique niche in political and military studies by presenting key events in the Syrian civil war—the deadliest conflict of the 21st century—from a perspective that differs markedly from Western reportage.

Coverage starts with Russian President Vladimir Putin’s September 2015 decision to send military forces into Syria. The book closes on a hopeful note, just after the signing of the May 2017 Astana agreement to establish “safe zones” in the war-torn country.

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