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Christopher Kozak is a Syria Research Analyst at the Institute for the Study of War where he focuses on the Assad regime and Iranian involvement in the Syrian Civil War.

Mr. Kozak served as a co-author on ISW's recent report, *Competing Visions for Iraq and Syria: The Myth of an Anti-ISIS Grand Coalition*. Mr. Kozak is the author of *An Army in All Corners: Assad's Campaign Strategy in Syria* and has published several articles regarding the security situation in Syria, including *The Pitfalls of Relying on Kurdish Forces to Counter ISIS* and *Syria 90-Day Forecast: The Assad Regime and Allies in Northern Syria*. Mr. Kozak is also the ISW lead for the Syria Situation Report, produced weekly with Syria Direct.

In February 2016, Mr. Kozak spoke at the European Asylum Support Office Country of Origin Workshop on Syria, delivering a presentation on "Syrian Regime Forces: Participation in Excludable Crimes."

Mr. Kozak has appeared in Voice of America, Foreign Policy, Time Magazine, Business Insider, and The Washington Post. He previously worked with ISW's Iraq Team, where he studied ISIS's military strategy and use of social media. Mr. Kozak received his B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a double-major in Political Science and International Studies (Global Security). He is proficient in Arabic and conversational Spanish.

Find all of Mr. Kozak's publications [here](#).

Selected Media

**Links Below*

Voice of America (3/15/2016)
Fox News (1/12/2016)
Politico (12/10/2015)
Washington Post (11/15/2015)
Reuters (10/3/2015)
NPR (9/21/2015)
Time Magazine (9/15/2015)
International Business Times
(5/13/2015)

Selected Publications

**Links Below*

ISIS Forecast: Ramadan 2016 (May 2016)
Russian-Syrian-Iranian Coalition Seizes Palmyra (3/27/2016)
Warning Update: Pro-Regime Forces Continue Encirclement of Aleppo Despite Truce (3/4/2016)
Syria 90-Day Forecast: The Assad Regime and Allies in Northern Syria (3/25/2016)
The Pitfalls of Relying on Kurdish Forces to Counter ISIS (03/11/2016)
Competing Visions for Iraq and Syria (03/02/2016)