

Is Chechnya Putin's Blueprint for Syria?

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If recent history is any indicator, ceding further ground to Russia virtually guarantees that the conflict will keep simmering for years to come.

President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from Syria makes Russian President Vladimir Putin the unchallenged power broker in Syria. Sure, Iran, Hezbollah and Turkey also have influence, but the Kremlin's red lines matter. The Kremlin could barely contain its glee at Trump's move. Putin praised the decision as "correct," and Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said the U.S. pullout creates good prospects for a "political solution" in Syria...

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