Fluid Alliances: The Syrian Government's Support for and Complicity in Terrorism

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T he Syrian government's fluid relationships with terrorist groups such as Hizballah and Hamas have been further complicated by the ongoing popular uprising against Bashar al-Assad. This article dissects several of these key relationships, documenting how they evolved before and during the uprising and forecasting how they might change upon Assad's ouster. The status of antiregime jihadist elements is also explored, along with broader opposition trends that risk pushing Syria further down the path of civil war.

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