



After Israel's Air Strikes, How Can We End the Civil War In Syria?

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We probably can't, says Thomas Friedman. Not easily, anyway:

"I believe if you want to end the Syrian civil war and tilt Syria onto a democratic path, you need an international force to occupy the entire country, secure the borders, disarm all the militias and midwife a transition to democracy. It would be staggeringly costly and take a long time, with the outcome still not guaranteed."

His column is a dose of realism for a conflict that may have no immediate solution. Over on Forbes.com, Doug Bandow is even more emphatic:

"The Syrian civil war will end badly. Unfortunately, the U.S. can't make it end any better. Washington should stay out of the conflict".