



1.3.4. Russia

Russia significantly reduced its military footprint in Syria after the collapse of the Assad regime [295](#) but continued to maintain troops at the Hmeimim air base and the Tartous naval base.[296](#) At Qamishli airport, where Russian forces had been stationed since 2019,[297](#) Russia reinforced its military presence towards the end of 2025[298](#) but then fully withdrew its troops in late January 2026.[299](#)

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