

US-backed militia groups now fighting each other in Syria

Richard Spencer writes in [Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant](#) (Isil). On occasion it has been bombed from the air by the regime and shelled from the ground by Isil on the same day.

Now its rebel defenders are fighting Isil, the regime, Russian bombers, and a new enemy, the Syrian Kurdish militia the YPG, all at once.

America is calling for a ceasefire. But it is not clear whether even if one were declared, it would stop any of those enemies from attacking Marea.

A “cessation of hostilities” was supposed to come into force on Friday, but the fighting in Marea and everywhere else in