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monograph offers an up-to-date analysis of an irregular conflict (2004–2017) which spilled over to neighbouring states since 2011 and continues to shape the Middle East through the lens of Strategic Studies. Spyridon Plakoudas is Assistant Professor in Strategy and IR at the American University in the Emirates and Vice President of the think tank KEDISA.