Jordan Must Be Included in Future Israeli-Arab Normalization Deals

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One of the most reliable strategic allies in the region has been taken for granted, so the Biden administration will need to steer more diplomatic attention and economic support Amman’s way.

Jared Kushner took the first direct flight from Israel to Morocco on December 22 to celebrate the Trump administration’s efforts to normalize relations between Israel and the Arab world. He should have flown back to Jordan. It may seem odd that a country with a twenty-six-year-old peace treaty with Israel and unofficial ties dating back decades is now being left out in the cold. But the Trump administration has taken one of America’s most reliable allies in the tumultuous Middle East for granted. If the process of normalization proceeds without integrating Jordan’s interests—especially if a deal between Saudi Arabia and Israel materializes—Jordan’s stability could be threatened, and it would be a missed opportunity to improve its sputtering economy...

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