

# Israel's New Strategy: Why a Post-American Middle East Means a Greater Role in Regional Security

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**In strategic terms, at least, the United States is increasingly shifting its attention to Asia, but this may represent an opportunity for Israel as much as a challenge.**

**G**iven Washington's diminishing interest in direct military engagement in the Middle East, how do the region's powers reshape their own security policies? For Israel, this question carries particular importance. Washington and Jerusalem continue to share many common security concerns: maintaining regional stability, countering Iran's nuclear ambitions and proxy warfare, promoting a safe global commons, and fighting terrorism. Yet waning U.S. engagement has emboldened Tehran, which is posing a growing threat to Israel and other nations throughout the region. This new reality holds large perils but also significant promise. Even as Israel continues to benefit from U.S. assistance and backing, it has sought new regional partnerships to buttress its security. And in a future in which the United States is increasingly standing back, stepping up these relationships will be an essential part of Israel's security strategy...

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