Biden in the Middle East: Opportunities and Challenges

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During his upcoming trip to the Middle East, President Biden will undertake an ambitious agenda during a challenging period for the region. He will visit an Israel led by a caretaker government and preparing for its fifth national election in three years. He will meet with Palestinian Authority leaders facing a crisis of confidence with their own people amid ongoing stalemate in the moribund peace process. He will attempt to mend fences with the leadership of Saudi Arabia after months of estrangement. And all of these encounters will take place against a backdrop of Iranian nuclear advancements and critical disruption in global energy markets due to the Ukraine war.

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