The Saudi-Iran Deal Reflects a New Global Reality

by Michael Singh **(/experts/michael-singh)**

Mar 16, 2023

Also published in **Washington Post**

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Michael Singh (/experts/michael-singh)

Michael Singh is the Managing Director and Lane-Swig Senior Fellow at The Washington Institute.

◐
Articles & Testimony

Leaders in the Middle East feel more threatened by the competition between China and the United States than by the individual powers themselves, so Washington needs to adapt accordingly.

The news that China brokered a rapprochement between bitter rivals Saudi Arabia and Iran came as a shock to many in Washington, stoking fears that Riyadh was defecting to Beijing's camp after having been a key U.S. partner since the 1940s. Yet such worries misapprehend how U.S. partners are responding to growing competition between the United States and China. Pushed to choose between the established order led by Washington and the alternative order proffered by Beijing, our partners are instead choosing "all of the above"...

Read the full article on the Washington Post website.
(https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2023/03/16/saudi-arabia-iran-china-deal/) ❖

RECOMMENDED

BRIEF ANALYSIS

Electoral Law: Signaling a Short-Lived Run for Iraq's Independent MPs?

Mar 16, 2023

◆

Ashleigh Whelan,
Mohanad Adnan

(/policy-analysis/electoral-law-signaling-short-lived-run-iraqs-independent-mps)

BRIEF ANALYSIS

Clarifying the Status of Previous Iran-Saudi Agreements

Mar 16, 2023

◆

Faris Almaari

(/policy-analysis/clarifying-status-previous-iran-saudi-agreements)

BRIEF ANALYSIS

Mainstreaming Hashd Commanders (Part 2): Fifty-Fold Increase in Officer Training

Mar 15, 2023

◆

Amir al-Kaabi,
Michael Knights

(/policy-analysis/mainstreaming-hashd-commanders-part-2-fifty-fold-increase-officer-training)

TOPICS

Great Power Competition (/policy-analysis/great-power-competition)

U.S. Policy (/policy-analysis/us-policy)

REGIONS & COUNTRIES

Gulf States (/policy-analysis/gulf-states)

Iran (/policy-analysis/iran)