

After Israel's Strike on Qatar, a Strategic Shift

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The silver lining to the Doha attack may be the newfound “Gulf 3” alignment between Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Qatar, whose wealth, diplomatic clout, and good relations with the Trump administration uniquely position them to help on a wide range of pressing regional issues.

To grasp the importance of Israel's unprecedented September attack on Hamas negotiators in Doha, just look at President Trump's decision to sign an executive order guaranteeing Qatar's security—a startling step for a non-NATO ally. The day before, Trump had pressured Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu into giving a rare apology, telling his Qatari counterpart on an Oval Office call that he promised not to conduct more such attacks as Trump looked on. For Arab Gulf states, Israel's attack on Qatar was a threshold-crossing moment. Many Gulf officials and citizens saw Israel's strike in downtown Doha as an immediate threat to the region's security—and their own. Washington raced to reassure its Arab partners, but Israel's strike risked long-term damage...

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