

Great Powers Strategic Policies in the Middle East in 2023

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US' Policies

1. Arab states

- Keeping strategic relationships with key Arab states, such as Egypt, UAE, and Saudi and accepting a level of autonomy of such states;
- Sustaining a growing relation with Algeria, an ally of Russia;
- Improving relations with Tunisia, Morocco, and Mauritania;
- Taking an active role in Lebanon by mediating a maritime agreement with Israel;
- Mediating an agreement in Sudan, and driving a peaceful political transition;
- Supporting the Federal Government of Iraq against Turkish, Iranian, and Kurdish military intervention.

2. Iran

- Deterring Iran from carrying any military attacks against US targets and its allies in the region;
- Continuing to support widespread protests, hoping it would lead to regime change.

3. Turkey

- Tensed relations due to Turkey's policies on Kurdistan, Greece, and Cyprus.

4. Israel

- A possible disagreement with the new conservative government;
- However, relations would remain strong overall.



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Russia's Policies

1. Arab States

- Keeping good relations with most of the Arab states;
- Coordinating with oil-producing countries across OPEC+;
- Focusing on long-standing relations with Syria and Algeria;
- Taking more active engagement in Libya.

2. other states

- Growing relations with Iran;
- Disagreement with Turkey over Syria, though Turkey's mediation efforts in Ukraine may help.
- Tensed relations with Israel over continued threats to Iran and strikes in Syria though this won't lead to a rift between the two countries.



China's Policies

1. Arab States

- Delivering on agreements and commitments made during the China-Arab summit;
- Prioritising economic development, trade, and technology transfer;
- Supporting its presence in the region, despite US reservation.

2. other states

- Continuing a rapidly growing relation with Iran;
- Unchanged relations with Israel, despite China's unfavourable position on the Palestinian question.