

USA and Israel Should be Worried. The Muslim Middle East Is Moving Its Own Way

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Less than a month before Russia takes over the chairmanship of BRICS-11 where both UAE and Saudi Arabia will be full members, Russia makes a big move to bring cooperation with UAE and Saudi Arabia to an unprecedented level.

Russia ties everything together in this meeting: **Head of States** relations, **Foreign Policy**, **Non-Dollar currency** and Financial Policy, **Industrial Policy**, **Nuclear Cooperation**, **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, **Space Development**, **International Direct Investments** – and the whole **private Business** sector. Note also that Putin travels safely in person to both the UAE and Saudi Arabia.

Both UAE and Saudi Arabia are visited by President Putin, Foreign Minister Lavrov, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Andrei Belousov, head of the Ministry of Industry and Trade Denis Manturov, Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak, head of the Central Bank Elvira Nabiullina, head of Roscosmos Yuri Borisov, head Rosatom Alexey Likhachev, and head of Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) Kirill Dmitriev. The RDIF recently published a [Russian international platform for AI services](#). The delegation also includes representatives of the business community. See [this](#).

In cooperation with Russia and China, the UAE and Saudi Arabia are becoming not only oil powers, but powers in the modern AI, hi-tech knowledge and Space economy – and military powers.

The central Middle Eastern powers, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and even Türkiye, are emerging as pillars in the international policies of Russia and China – in all dimensions. Algeria builds [deeper relations](#) with its biggest arms supplier Russia, and Algeria opens [defense cooperation](#) China. Russia and Egypt have also for years been reinforcing cooperation,

including defense cooperation, nuclear cooperation (a Russian nuclear powerplant is being built) and trade-logistics (a Russian trade zone near the Suez Canal). In Syria, Russia has already long ago stabilized the government in Damascus, and even in Iraq, Russia just a few days ago took over [Iraq's biggest oil field](#) and kicked out the biggest western player in Iraq's oil sector. Recently, Russia as the Chairman of BRICS-11 after 1 January 2024 even gave its nod of approval for the [admission](#) of China's best friend Pakistan into BRICS in spite of Indian hesitations.

The Muslim Middle East is moving its own way – independently of the West. At a time when all the non-Western world including the Muslim world is outraged by Israel's Nakba pressing out Palestinians with genocide on over 16,000 civilians in Gaza, Israel and its US backer should be worried.

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