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## **Needed: An Israeli strategy for Jordan**

**Jordan's involvement in the developments in southern Syria adds value to the strategic cooperation between the two governments.**

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According to a Jordanian newspaper, Jordan's Minister of Water demanded in a letter to his Israeli counterpart a clear answer as to whether Israel is still committed to the Red Sea-Dead Sea water project.

A "yes" answer could cost the Israeli taxpayer several hundred million dollars. I suggest that before giving an answer the government of Israel debates and decides what are its objectives in Jordan and what is its strategy to attain them. This is needed if Israel wants to avoid hopping from the crisis created by an Israeli Embassy guard involved in killing two Jordanians to the periodic crisis on the Temple Mount to the looming crisis on the Red-Dead project and potential problems on water and natural gas deals.

If the government's review indicates it should renew Israel's strategic interest in a strong Jordan, then the current problems have to be dealt with accordingly. It should not be difficult for the government at least to meet Jordan's request for compensation for the deceased innocent Jordanian bystander.

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