



## New Fear Whether U.S. Will Have Israel's Back

Trump's abandoning of the Kurds in Syria has analysts asking: Who's next?

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**Kobi Michael**, a senior fellow at the **Institute for National Security Studies** at Tel Aviv University and a former senior official in Israel's Strategic Affairs Ministry, said that the current move risks reviving the Islamic State and weakening the "moderate" Sunni states in the region. At the same time, American withdrawal is a boost for Russia, Syria and Turkey — all of them rivals of Israel.

"The American decision can be understood in light of domestic considerations and Mr. Trump's promises, and the natural tendency of the American public to remain at home, and not to interfere in remote places when energy isn't the issue," said **Michael**.

Yet it raises inevitable fears that "maybe Israel will be in the same place as the Kurds today.

"You can't rely on America to intervene on behalf of its allies," he continued. "Maybe at some point in the future, people in the U.S. from the camp of President Trump will say that 'Israel is a liability, and why do we have to support them?'"

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