

The EU must adapt to the paradigm shift in the Middle East

Will the Europeans abandon their outdated conception of the Middle East peace process – more particularly the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

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Historic news, extraordinary development... Without a doubt one of the main news this summer in the world: the decision of the United Arab Emirates, one of the most important states in the Gulf, to normalize its relations with the State of Israel.

A decision that prefigures a complete change of attitude of the Arab countries toward Israel, which is no longer seen as the enemy of the Arab world, but, on the contrary, as an ally and partner in peace, security and development economy of the whole region.

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Delaying the annexation (of territories), or preferably canceling it, will save Israel unnecessary political, security and economic costs and allow it to focus on the real national security challenges ahead: the economy, COVID-19, Iran, Hezbollah and Gaza, ” said **Amos Yadlin**, who heads the prestigious **Institute for National Security Studies** in Tel Aviv.

There are two camps in the Middle East today. Those who oppose radical Islam want to promote peace, stability and economic development in the region – including Israel, the UAE and other Gulf countries, but also Egypt and Jordan – and those who, like Iran and Turkey (along with Qatar), seek hegemonic and warlike domination of the region through their agents – Hezbollah, Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood, as in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Gaza or Libya.

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