

## **While Israel is focused on Iran, nuclear danger is rearing its head elsewhere**

Experts warn that if Iran achieves its nuclear goal, Israel must prepare for the possibility of Pakistan providing Saudi Arabia with atomic warheads or the knowledge and means necessary to speedily create one on its own.

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Far from the eye of the media, and perhaps even the focus of Israeli lawmakers – who are preoccupied with Iran, and rightfully so – a nuclear threat is developing much closer to home, with former senior defense and intelligence official warning of the political alliance between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

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In 2019, **Yoel Guzansky**, senior researcher at the **Institute for National Security Studies** and formerly head of the Iran and Persian Gulf department at Israel's National Security Council, wrote an article on Saudi-Pakistani ties, saying it was "the only article written in Hebrew in recent years on the ties between the two countries, and this fact indicates the lack of sufficient attention to the issue in Israel."

In his work, **Yoel Guzansky** explains that the relationship between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan is long-standing and extremely close, so much so that they were previously described by Turki bin Faisal Al Saud, who served as the head of Saudi intelligence, as one of the closest relationships that exists between two countries in the world.

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