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How Israel Can Still Win the Ultimate Victory Over Hamas and Iran

Israel's 'go it alone' strategy has had a rude awakening: it needs far more backing from the US and Arab allies to confront Iran and its malevolent partners, including Hamas and Hezbollah. Biden's post-war plan offers that lifeline, but there's one more element the president should add

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The ultimate victory for both Israel and the U.S. in the war in Gaza, would not be Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's specious promise of Hamas's complete destruction, but the emergence of a new American-led Middle Eastern security architecture designed to counter the "axis of resistance" (Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas and allied militias).

Derailing this security architecture may have been one of the primary reasons Hamas launched the war to begin with, with Iran's backing. Its reemergence as a possible development, along with Saudi-Israeli normalization as an incentive for Israel to end the war, once again have Hamas and Iran in crisis mode.

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