

New 'Muslim NATO' 'Aimed at Israel,' Official Warns

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Asher Fredman: The pact was likely to have little substantial military impact. Saudi Arabia and Pakistan already signed a mutual defense agreement in September 2025 that failed to deter subsequent attacks by Iran and its proxies. The three countries' interests remain far from fully aligned. Saudi Arabia will not go along with [Turkish President Recep Tayyip] Erdogan's goal to reestablish Ottoman influence in the Middle East, while Riyadh's trade with India is eight times its trade with Pakistan, which for decades has been India's chief rival.

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