

Expert Panel on 2026

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Prof. Kobi Michael: The region is caught up in competition that is defining new power relationships, involving Israel, Turkey, Iran, and leading Gulf states, above all Saudi Arabia. So, it's in a highly unstable transition.

Turkey that seeks to renew its Ottoman hegemony, backed, supported and admired by president Trump and broadly deployed in the broader Middle East and East Africa.

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