The Mecca Pact: Rise of the New Sunni Axis

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Ruth Wasserman Lande discusses the “Mecca Pact” defense alliance between Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Pakistan, which she views as the emergence of a powerful Sunni axis aimed at countering both Iran’s Shiite axis and Israel.

She highlights the geopolitical implications of this alliance, advising Israel to remain cautious, strengthen its own economic and energy partnerships, and prepare for a potential rise in Sunni extremism as the Shiite axis weakens.

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