

# What is next for Syria and the region after Assad?

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Prof. Kobi Michael : Syria was once a key component of Iran's resistance axis, but its collapse weakens both the axis and Iran itself. However, the fragmented control in southern Syria, where rebels maintain a significant presence, poses security concerns.

Israel's primary objectives are: Preventing threats from Syrian territory to its borders. Ensuring the stability of Jordan, a critical regional interest. Israel has no intention of occupying or annexing Syrian land. Its actions focus on intelligence, operational freedom, and strategic cooperation to safeguard its security. To prevent advanced weapons from falling into rebel hands, Israel may act to neutralize such threats.

Israel's presence in southern Syria is minimal and solely aimed at protecting its security until the situation stabilizes.

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