

## Under the discerning eye of Alexandre Adler

**Middle-East, the explosion is already announced, but nothing has not been decided yet.**



The current situation in the Middle-East, every day more, seems to look like a barrel of explosives ready to be detonated. Yet, the apocalypse that some announced is not taking place or conversely, could limit itself to a series of “brief encounters”, such as the throw of Iranian missiles in mid-November to Riyadh, the capital city of Saudi Arabia, or the bombing and recapture of Kirkuk, back from the Iranian Kurdish autonomous republic, to the benefit of the Iranian revolutionary guards.

Suffice here to mention that such a beginning of a Turkish insurrection of the “Irakian kind”, could also trigger an absolute catastrophe in Turkey itself, extending the civil war in this country and making irreversible the alliance between Qatar, as leader of the Islamic brotherhood, the present leader of Turkey, Erdoğan, and a newly renuclearized Iran. Fortunately, we are here facing the ascendancy of a new Kurdish-Turkish leader, Demirtas, who, although presently incarcerated by the Ankara government, continues unabated and backed by a majority in the country, to preach reconciliation.

In the Yemen the local situation is undoubtedly more tense, but nothing seems to indicate a generalized military escalation, since the new Saudi leadership under the crown prince, Mohamed Ben Salman (MBS) wants clearly to concentrate on the Lebanese crisis. Here the risk has been created by the bad will of Saad Hariri, who while taking Saudi subventions has consistently reused to his Saudi patrons, to reconsider his many business relations, especially in France, with Qatar.

Undoubtedly, the new Saudi regime plays a difficult game, but has little choice to avert a confrontation, at least political, with the Lebanese Establishment, which resumes totally fearful of the Shia movement, Hezbollah. But here, the Saudis are not alone, and may rely not only on the Israelis, but even on a certain Russian goodwill, exasperated by the hegemonic aspirations of Iran.

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