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CSA Report Ranks Kuwait Most Likely to Join Abraham Accords; Lebanon and Syria follow; Saudi normalization cooled since Iran War

New York- Oct. 8 The Council for a Secure America (CSA) today released "Abraham Accords Expansion Opportunities: Middle East Analysis," a [report](#) ranking nine muslim-majority Middle East countries that currently have no diplomatic relations with Israel, by their likelihood of joining the Accords.

"In the last few weeks, Americans have commemorated the twenty-fifth anniversary of 9/11, the sixth anniversary of the Abraham Accords, and the third anniversary of October 7th. These milestones and tragedies have reinforced the need for America's continued engagement in the region. This, coupled with Iran's increased aggression (including use of its proxies Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis) against U.S. [forces](#) and our allies, has reconfigured the geopolitical map." said Jennifer Sutton, Executive Director of CSA.

This report and the country rankings were based on expert analysis of the current geopolitical situation in the Middle East and a range of factors, including domestic political power and governmental structure, public opinion and statements by political leaders, relations with the United States and Israel, regional alliances, economic and energy interests, and ongoing conflicts including Iran. The report draws on CSA's June 2026 polling in Israel, Lebanon and Syria. More than 80 percent of [Israelis](#) support the Abraham Accords. In Syria, 46 percent support normalization with Israel and 19 percent oppose it.

Kuwait ranks first as the most likely to join the Abraham Accords. CSA's report cites Emir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad's closer ties to the United Arab Emirates (a signer of the Accords in 2020) and the United States. In September 2026, Israel's ambassador to the UAE, Yossi Shelley, said Kuwait could join the Accords within six months.

CSA ranks Lebanon second. CSA's [public opinion polling in Lebanon](#) demonstrates that the majority of Lebanese support President Aoun's efforts to disarm Hezbollah. Additionally, in June Lebanon [agreed](#) to a U.S.-brokered "Trilateral Framework," to recognize Israeli sovereignty for the first time.

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Syria is third, on a security-to-peace track. In September 2026, President Ahmed al-Sharaa [said](#) Israel and Syria had "almost reached agreements on 90%" of the issues between them, months after his November 2025 White House visit, the first ever by a Syrian president. CSA's [public opinion polling in Syria](#) confirmed that 57% of Syrians believe peace with Israel is likely in the future.

Saudi Arabia, considered close to normalization before October 7, 2023, ranks fourth; the 2026 Iran War deepened its wariness. Oman, Qatar and Iraq are rated unlikely in the near term, largely because of Iranian or Muslim Brotherhood ties, though Iraqi Kurdistan is a notable exception. Yemen and Iran rank last.

The Abraham Accords were spearheaded by the United States by President Trump in 2020. These are the original signatories:

1. United Arab Emirates – September 2020
2. Kingdom of Bahrain – September 2020
3. Kingdom of Morocco – December 2020
4. Sudan – January 2021

CSA's full ranking:

1. Kuwait
2. Lebanon
3. Syria
4. Saudi Arabia
5. Oman
6. Qatar
7. Iraq
8. Yemen
9. Iran

"A few years ago, very few experts would have put Kuwait at the top of this list, or expected Lebanon to recognize Israel's sovereignty, this is an evolving landscape" said Sutton.

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