

MEFTA as a Win Win situation for all the actors in the regions and its impact on counterterrorism.

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Abstract

Free trade agreements have proven to be one of the best ways to open up foreign markets exporters of the western world. The United State, for example has agreements in force with 19 countries: Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Peru, Singapore, and South Korea.

The benefits of free trade extend well beyond the US households. Free trade helps to spread the value of freedom, reinforce the rule of law, and foster economic development in poor countries. The national debate over trade-related issues too often ignores these important benefits. Societies that enact free trade policies create their own economic dynamism--fostering a wellspring of freedom, opportunity, and prosperity that benefits every citizen. In recent years, the United States has demonstrated the power of this principle. Nor are American citizens alone in benefiting from those free trade policies that the U.S. enacts. By breaking the cycle of poverty, America's free trade policies can enable even the most impoverished countries to begin to create their own dynamic toward prosperity.

This is true for the Middle East as well. Establishing a MEFTA will have the same effects as in other parts of the world. However, in the Middle East there will be one more substantial benefit. MEFTA in the Syria may serve as a mean for counterterrorism.
