

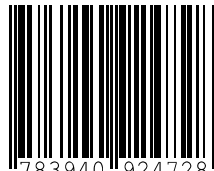
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- Russian presence in the Middle East before and after the fall of the Soviet Union
- The challenge of the "Arab Spring"
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