

**Israel shouldn't cozy up to Pakistan**  
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Israel and India are fellow democracies who have spent an enormous amount of effort developing close relations. India has a lot of experience in dealing with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and Israel would be well advised to consider the following :

- In 1999, while Indian PM Vajpayee and Pakistani leader Musharraf were engaged in peace negotiations, Pakistan infiltrated thousands of soldiers into India's Kargil region and sparked a limited war which nearly escalated into a nuclear exchange;
- Before 9/11, Pakistan firmly supported the Taliban and al-Qaeda. Afterwards, despite officially siding with the U.S., thousands of al-Qaeda fighters have escaped and found refuge in Pakistan;
- Pakistani scientist A.Q. Khan provided nuclear designs and material to Libya, North Korea and Iran; Iran now threatens Israel with this nuclear expertise. Mr. Khan has been hailed by Musharraf as a national hero and has not permitted U.S. intelligence to question him.
- Israel should carefully evaluate whether it should jeopardize its relations with India to curry favour with an unpredictable nation such as Pakistan.

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