

## The Abraham Accords - Arbitration of Disputes Involving Israel and the Mena Region \*

### Summary

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The third annual World Arbitration Update conference commenced with a focus on arbitration related to the Abraham Accords, particularly concerning disputes involving Israel and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Co-founders E.M. Laird and Dr. Jose Antonio Rivas emphasized the conference's aim to provide a global forum for discussing recent developments in international arbitration.

The panel was moderated by Near Tiedar, a partner at Kornitsky & Company in Tel Aviv, who introduced the panelists: Paul Hughes from Cobra and Kim in Dubai, Stewart Neuberger from Crowell & Moring, and Professor I. Realized from Bar-Ilan University. Each panelist brought a unique perspective on the implications of the Abraham Accords, particularly in relation to arbitration and legal frameworks.

The discussion highlighted the significance of the Abraham Accords in fostering diplomatic and economic ties between Israel and several Arab nations, including the UAE, Bahrain, and Sudan. The Accords have facilitated a dramatic increase in trade—from approximately \$600 million in 2019 to nearly \$3.5 billion by 2022—and have opened avenues for direct flights and tourism.

Hughes discussed the enforcement of arbitration awards and judgments in the UAE, noting the evolving legal landscape that is becoming increasingly favorable for cross-border disputes. Neuberger provided insights into Sudan's unique historical context as a former confrontation state, emphasizing its transition towards partnership with Israel through the Accords, despite current civil unrest.

Professor Realized addressed the maritime border dispute between Israel and Lebanon, highlighting the recent agreement that marked a significant milestone in international law, achieved without direct negotiations between the two nations. He pointed out the importance of this agreement for regional stability and energy exploration.

The panel concluded with a discussion on the potential for other countries, such as Saudi

Arabia and Indonesia, to join the Abraham Accords. The speakers indicated that while significant diplomatic groundwork is necessary, there are ongoing behind-the-scenes efforts that may lead to further normalization of relations in the future.

Overall, the session underscored the transformative impact of the Abraham Accords on arbitration and economic relations in the MENA region, while also recognizing the complexities and challenges that remain.

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### **Category**

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third annual conference. My name

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is e m Laird. I

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am co-founder and co-chairman of

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the conference along with my

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colleague. Dr. Jose Antonio Rivas

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Abraham Accords arbitration of disputes

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involving Israel and the Mena

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International nature of international arbitration.

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various arbitral body rules as

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a very short introduction, but

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then we'll turn off to

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be making the presentation. So

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Hughes as a partner with

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Cobra and Kim's Dubai office

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is over 10 years of

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experience in Dubai focusing on

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complex cross-border claims with a

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Nexus to the UAE and

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the Middle East in The

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Wider sense. He has extensive

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experience in enforcement of judgment

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an arbitral awards fraud investigations

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and contentious shareholder disputes. And

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Cobra and Kim has offices

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in Dubai in Tel Aviv,

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which makes it uniquely placed

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to deal with matters that

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chords. Paul will focus on

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the abrahamic was more generally

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and and will focus on

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areas of expertise from the

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cross-border litigation arbitration enforcement and

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how those high-end to be

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Abraham chords. We also have

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with us Stewart neuberger to

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senior partner at international law

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practice before the US courts

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as well as gills with

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International commercial entry debased arbitrations

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prior to joining The Firm

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34 years ago served as

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the US attorney's office in

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the US the US government

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in criminal and civil matters

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start at Georgetown law and

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lectured at school and bar

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programs around the world and

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very interesting Lee the author

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of The Forgotten site which

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tells a story of his

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pursuit of Libya and Colonel

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Qaddafi for blowing up the

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UTA flight 772 in 1989

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still will focus specifically on

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a less frequently talked about

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aspects of the Sudan and

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how it ties into the

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abrahamic court. Made its way

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into them. Last but certainly

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not least. We have Professor.

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at bar-ilan University formerly the

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Law and presently the vice

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Rector. He is he specializes

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in namakkal you'll arbitration in

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energy law has authored over

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50 academic books and articles

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on topics ranging from international

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trade and investment law is

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arbitration public procurement law EU

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competition line towards is the

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president of the International Academy

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of commercial and consumer law

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a member of the exit

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tunnel conciliators and arbitrators has

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served as a present of

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Israeli Association for the study

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of European integration. He's also

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fat as a member of

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seven different WTO dispute settlement

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panels and trades involving various

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countries such as the US

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and China Russia, Indonesia and

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Malaysia. A professor I will

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focus here today on the

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bill to adopt you to

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throw Madeline Israel in the

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dispute over the maritime border

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with Lebanon and how these

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two things eventually impact the

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abrahamic or is in the

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the Middle East or generally

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my to to the panelists,

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I want to take a

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couple of minutes to talk

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about the abrahamic words more

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generally. So first of all,

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when we say the a

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power cords, what do we

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need? So they are generally

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the famed the phrase is

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generally used to refer collectively

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the sets of agreements between

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Israel and several countries. including

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the UAE buy her a

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for me and this is

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a notice today reading a

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little bit more about the

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abrahamic cords cost about stopping

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by to get together with

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the Abraham Accord countries and

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Now Video Music Awards are

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interesting because these are countries

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that have been in military

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conflict. But for many many

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years there was a state

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of no official relationships even

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to the extent of an

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economic boycott of Israel by

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many of the states and

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economic and other links between

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Israel and the abrahamic or

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states were limited if it

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all and indirect and Saudi

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Accords essentially is a collectively

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a set of agreements or

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is an agreement and additional

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steps that deal with the

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normalization East Maddock relations, and

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you cannot have normal relations

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between the countries. No, just

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for example, one of the

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very first steps. Do you

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eat took following the first

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person that was to repeal.

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What was then called as

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he's abused really boycott law

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and then when it's done

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business in the UAE prior

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to that will know that

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standard contracts in the UT

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Austin had anti-israel and I

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dealing with his real Provisions

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economic ties essentially leads directly

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to the possibility of of

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economic ties between his round

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the UAE and the rest

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of the year and record

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of countries. And following those

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agreements Israel has relatively quickly

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pursued additional agreement with those

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Abraham Accords State's leading with

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the UAE. There is now

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a Free Trade Agreement, which

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is in force between Israel

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and that you were he

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there is important that bilateral

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investment treaty protecting Mutual Investments

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between his role in the

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UAE and just as an

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aside for anyone who's interested

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in investment Protection Law and

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the drafting of VIPs. I

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think it's a very interesting

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the it to read for

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various reasons, and we I've

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heard an official from the

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Israeli Ministry of Justice say

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that it was actually negotiated

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anyone who knows how special

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agreement negotiated with unusually quick

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useful agreements that are part

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of the normalization of the

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relationships and the Practical effects

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of of them. So for

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example of things I have

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to do in recognition of

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driver's licenses Customs cooperations the

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ability to carry out direct

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flights and indirectly make a

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phone call. These were things

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that only a few years

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ago what were wearing possible

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now. BB interest one of

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the interesting things and then

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one of the reasons it's

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important that we're having this

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town today is that they

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aren't just these the abrahamic

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cord is not only assets.

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Political or diplomatic agreement agreement

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which have a very very

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practical mostly, not only impact

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and I'll just before heading

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over to to the to

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not to the Travel list.

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I will just quickly share

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and hopefully everyone can see

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this I'll just share a

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very small set of economic

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indicators that we can just

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set the scene a little

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bit under the impact and

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importance of the Abraham Accords.

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so these are data that

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were taken from the Israeli

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Central Bureau of Statistics comparing

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total traded to his around

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the Abraham Accord countries between

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2019 and 2022. And by

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the way there already first

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indicator is that 3 is

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showing additional increase so you

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can see that the increased

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between just under six hundred

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million dollars of trade in

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2019 to over to almost

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3.5 billion dollars paid in

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2022. And that is also

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shown in the import-export balance.

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So there is much more

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important to Israel from Abraham

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Accord countries and Export but

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both imports and exports as

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soon as you're on the

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abrahamic or countries have increased

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significantly are 2019 and 2020

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to 2020 to increase is

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is very very significant. Fifth

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District expects a slave from

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that the Israel UAE trade

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and it was very clear

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from this is not only

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the very that it is

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in the trade between Israel

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and the UAE UAE. But

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also how significant is really

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UAE trade his as a

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part of the Abraham Accord.

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So when we looked at

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the previous statistics, it is

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clearly a very large part

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of that is the trade

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between Israel and the EU

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and the last is just

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in terms of tourists. so

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the 56 are showing a

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very significant out closer to

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his run the abrahamic or

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countries and less significant increase

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in the tourism between Abraham

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Accord Countryside Israel, but if

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you're looking at the increase

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in terms of tourists out

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going from Israel, so I'll

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be there was a small

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decreased because of covid test

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and very very quickly age

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and increase which is dramatic

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from under thirty thousand to

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almost half a million in

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2022, and it goes together

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with the fact that you

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no longer need a visa

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and there are direct flights

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and I think anyone who

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knows Israel knows that almost

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everyone from his role as

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now visited the UAE and

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it's just been one of

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the more common and love

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places to to to visit

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them to into being So

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having said that I'll turn

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her over to fall. I'm

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damned if I Echo everything

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you said that is the

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flight between Dubai and Tel

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Aviv, five times in the

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last 12 months. I can

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vouch that. The law is

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very slow not coming cuz

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I want to try to

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come up with a kosher

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restaurant say I could do

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to improve my phone outside

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but it's still great time

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at the economic benefits of

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lemon has put upon the

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economic benefits of the Abraham

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Accord between this rather than

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the United Arab Emirates and

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then go to talk about

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potential issues that arise out

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of the abrahamic oils and

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how this will potentially increase

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the use of arbitration in

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Truck Loader commercial disputes between

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Israel and not just see

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you at the beach as

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a whole, so many people

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in Park City of the

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abrahamic hall turn on the

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smooth and efficient efficient running

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of tropical Adele patricians involving

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a two states. Do I

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need to point out is

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it trade between the two

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countries is right out on

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the UAE has been growing

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since the court to signed

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in September 2020 following the

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signing of a comprehensive economic

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partnership agreement to a CPAP

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last year and it provides

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unprecedented economic benefits. It provides

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greater Market access to you

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and your brother and during

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the Israeli market and provide

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for an open and non-discriminatory

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environment roll cross-border trade with

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Israel in particular the key

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Industries off Bynum transport Communications

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on a long way to

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establishing rules on tips to

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trade in. The protection of

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Ip rights is Rosa at

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home. I'm on the uae's

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growing into to become the

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servants are open in the

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Middle East as well. I'm

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at my appointed rounds with

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bilateral trade and it's only

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a voice at 2.59 billion

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in 2020 to 109.7% from

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the year before I'm interesting

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in the UAE is now

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the 16th largest trading partner

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of Israel Houghton 126 country,

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which is either with such

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a great Improvement to be

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considered three or five years

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ago two countries. They have

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quite lofty ambition. You want

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to cross the ten billion

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threshold and bilateral trade and

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in the coming years. Now

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significant levels of investment most

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people on this cold night

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time Sleep Inn Sea-Tac in

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in disputes and investigations Osterman

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has a high level of

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foreign direct investment. You have

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a funny movie. And then

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eventually break down between the

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parties. I'm really it's those

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commercial policy is not leaving

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aside the best epoxies engaging

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in the endless increased level

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of trade. They need to

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know the mechanics of how

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a dispute between an Israeli

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Eminem. Rossi company was all

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And without certainty without the

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certainty of a long time

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before the dispute resolution mechanisms

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without them knowing that the

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contract for the FBI director

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against a wall between Venture

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without knowing that they can

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open it and not cash.

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It it goes wrong. Then

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this thick the lofty Ambitions

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the bilateral trade may not

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actually be able to at

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least realize now given the

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other than that again the

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other than the best is

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it on since of bilateral

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treaty on on recognition and

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enforcement or children's to me

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arbitrations. Like he should be

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the main beneficiary when it

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comes to any disputes arising

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out of this influx of

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foreign investments and I need

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course given a century is

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Rylan and the signatories to

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the New York convention. And

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I'm come back to the

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importance of arbitration will in

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a second, but just to

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put it on the force

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of the court judgment enforcement

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situation call children's books that

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Society insurmountable a growing Trend

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in the UAE to recognize

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foreign judgments, as long as

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they meet the requirements of

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reciprocity between the Georgia Section

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is I think I think

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the same position is the

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same position as right as

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well. You need to show

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that reciprocity if it's only

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very recently this is Joy

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the last 12 months. In

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fact that the UAE course,

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I agreed to pose an

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English judgment and not following

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the recipe calls for some

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severe a judgement in the

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United Kingdom. We as a

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family we recently in in

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January this year. We had

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an English Recognize engagement New

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York sound policy. I'm not

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supposed to not feed Maggie

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weather buy lots of trees

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down and Folsom football bunch

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of arbitration with should be

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more straightforward given both states

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are signatories to the New

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York convention. I'm posted at

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arbitration laws the New York

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convention applied in both the

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Civil on show called taking

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a setback for those who

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don't know. You ain't like

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the jurisdiction on the primary

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language is Arabic. You have

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to have the same qualifications,

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maybe being a Marathi practice

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in the in the local

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if I call but within

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the UAE Two separate jurisdictions

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that have their own call.

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If you have the Dubai

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International Financial centres, which is

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just outside my window hair

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on on the Hobby Lobby

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Global Market in Abu Dhabi,

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they both have a common

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law court system. Just replying

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to this to this area

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didn't say just before the

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road. I applied in this

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area and it stopped by

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Churches from, Lowcountry. So England

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Scotland Australia in Malaysia and

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also some local emirati to

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choose as well. So you

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have his Jewel system here,

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but the important things to

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notice that the New York

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convention will apply in impo

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time both have their own

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arbitration clause. I'm where I

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see this ability to be

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able to enforce in the

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UAE has a potential game-changer

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for Israeli award holders, maybe

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even children holders. Can you

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change it for the whole

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Middle East because they're all

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systems available here, but I'll

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give me examples of an

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Israeli food processor example award

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recognized as an initial staff

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because you just take advantage

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of the arbitration friendly nature

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that jurisdiction very smooth process

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X party recognition all that

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and then it's a recognition

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order of the UAE court

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and then they could look

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at using The fact that

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you have a you a

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photo that compose cross the

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Middle East and North Africa

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safe example through the real

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convention. Now, the real convention

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is from 1983 Anthem Regional

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Tri-C reinforces judicial cooperation between

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around 20 Arab countries allowed

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to reset the code enforcement

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across North Africa and the

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Middle East in Saudi Arabia

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all the way to Morocco.

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Now, you may as well

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mention signature piece. And why

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would you go that route

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as well as I'm sure

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it survives ready Alexa? The

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New York convention roots in

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Gaines County policies and states

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which is Jordan. So Jordan

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signature the real convention, but

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they to call about enforcement

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by an Israeli policy on

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the dock convention on again

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as people lot of pain

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on my no deal with

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the middle eastern states to

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local courts will refuse to

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recognize news radio wor at

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local level despite annual convention.

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So you may have a

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situation where this way as

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radiator boil credit side because

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of the difc and then

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uses the rehab convention to

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them in. Almost, but I

00:23:02  
don't think it's never been

00:23:04  
tried. But Stephanie a possibility

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the lows are there to

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allow. So the way we

00:23:11  
said that the Accords not

00:23:13  
only open the Israelis to

00:23:15  
to the enforcement of every

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Ward and potential children's in

00:23:18  
the UAE and see what

00:23:20  
the record Abraham Accord signature

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and she shows up soon.

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Right across the Middle East

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and North Africa and the

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countries he will not signify

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his own or well made

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out of a signatories to

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the Accords 2006's paying attention.

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The last thing I searched

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Palmer's Bay just impact of

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some of this is not

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rocket science. Basic book the

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population of Navi and remove

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the most obvious one being

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the ability to let you

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fly into each other's countries

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to attend hearings and Stephanie

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things. I will have Gator

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Country 33 hours away from

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each other that so that's

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a big big make a

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big difference and it means

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you're less likely to have

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to hold a hearing in

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that in a neutral country.

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But then when it comes

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to the UAE arbitrations despite

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it being a convention signal

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strength despite having its own

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arbitration law is better than

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they still have nuances hair.

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So example the arbitration board

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and needs to be notarized

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to legalize any kind of

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papers and support with arbitration.

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Also needs to have that

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legalization documents which I found

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very boring brick and Randy

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or award approving a thousand

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pennies from Israeli or other

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issues around legalization is actually

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at Big Star. I mean

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take the power of attorney

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is ready to engage the

00:25:02  
local emirati the way I

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said, it makes it very

00:25:05  
difficult to do anything in

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the quote. They are. It's

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selfish change. Well go along

00:25:10  
with the Accords finally. Versace

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the way issues. I'm on

00:25:18  
a gallon of Donald Trump

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experiences in Middle Eastern countries,

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but always has started being

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issues relating to the appointments

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of all the traces or

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even Council so prior to

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the Accords policy may have

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found it difficult to Define

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Eric arbitration or even local

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firm to a willing to

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participate in an arbitration involving

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is ready paw season still

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possessing on McCord Middle Eastern

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states causing no end of

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procedural issues before now, I

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think the dock before the

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ready impact on the pasta

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in a positive way the

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actual running of arbitration. That's

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what I was going to

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say about that. I don't

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know if you wants to

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with you some questions at

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the end against the final

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when I send you the

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final have a question. Will

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he? No, thank you. Thank

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you for that and maybe

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that's a good opportunity to

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say that I ate I

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hope it participants can can

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send us questions. We have

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a chat function. So if

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if if I'll try to

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rest it and if you

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do you want to add

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to anything we we just

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turned I just wanted to

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mention maybe a couple of

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of of things that might

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be relevant for so I

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think in terms of enforcement

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of potential UAE or other

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Evancho country judgments in Israel,

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so there's as you mentioned

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there's no specific time to

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Or dad in terms of

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Israeli law the requirements would

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generally be the main issue

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generally similar to the UAE.

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But I think the interesting

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thing is Israel in may

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be hearing what with all

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said it would be easier

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to at least the first

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time in his role than

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in the UAE is that

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the there's recent judgment for

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the last few years and

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be Israeli courts that have

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really made a strong presumption

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in terms of arrested in

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favor of reciprocity. So the

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need to deposit it really

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true that they were enforced

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already his is a relatively

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low one you would need

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to show that they would

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be generally enforced. So hopefully

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if it what if and

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when that guy comes to

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generally be enforced in the

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UAE and assuming all the

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other conditions for important met

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with your generally more procedural

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games at the awards final

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that there were no issues

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that restriction that you have

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things you'd expect in most

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countries than I would expect

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that enforcement is would be

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would be possible. The second

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thing. I wanted to mention

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is that interesting Lee Elementary

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the difc courts, so I

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know that there's at least

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one judgment in the Jurassic

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world with an Israeli party

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the relatively small tasting at

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least there's the first time

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that an Israeli party has

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interest is Israel part actually

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lost but still it looks

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like it lost on the

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merits and then there was

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a there was a hearing

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and decision rendered so it'll

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be interesting to Here it

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will be interesting to see

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where that goes. And where

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they will be more is

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really parties involved in litigation

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in in do in the

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Emirates and in other countries

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and vice versa. So accessorized.

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We can move to still

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go as I mentioned will

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hear from him about another

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Abraham Accord country, which is

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Sudan and it's kind of

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more unique or different app

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into the Abraham Accords and

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then maybe a more troubled

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history at least with his

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role than some of the

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other a drama Court countries.

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Thank you very much. Good

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morning. Good afternoon. Good evening,

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and we have people from

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around the world and thank

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you for inviting me to

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participate in this very interesting

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and timely discussion. I'm not

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going to be able to

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show you a modern Skyline.

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What's going on in Khartoum

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Sudan right now? They don't

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have a Skyline. It's not

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to buy Abu Dhabi. It's

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not Tel Aviv. It's not

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the Morocco rain. It's not

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anything like most of the

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people on this call might

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imagine as we all know

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cuz it's on the front

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page of the news today

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of Khartoum Sudan are in

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a terrible crisis right now

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effectively a civil war between

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competing military factions, you know

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hundreds of thousands of refugees

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trying to leave poverty people

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being killed and injured forced

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from their homes. It's a

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terrible situation and sadly we

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shouldn't be surprised because the

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history of of Sudan very

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very different from the history

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of the other men. Of

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the abrahamic courts as we

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know Morocco about rain the

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Emirates and others both in

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the Arab world and and

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more broadly some of them

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in a very transparent in

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their dealings with Israel on

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the economic and political and

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diplomatic front and he jumped

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and Jordan of course had

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formal treaties and Morocco by

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the Emirates fa crane have

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been dealing with his real

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kind of quietly. If you

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will run lots of levels

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for many many years Sudan

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of course is a very

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very different situation for those

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who need a goalie for

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the younger people who need

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a brief history lesson. Ironically

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is real in Sudan. We're

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both parts of the British

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mandate is real of course

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losing the man Dade 1948

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and Sudan in the mid-1950s,

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I believe 1956 so they

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actually share a little bit

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of history is both having

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been a subject of the

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British Empire until recent memory,

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but that's where the That's

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where the overlap really ends

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in August of 1967 right

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after the June 1967 Six

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Day War that really changed

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the geographic and political map

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of the Middle East and

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end the war the Arab

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League met is a very

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famous Lee in Khartoum Sudan

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and issues. What is very

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famously known as the three

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notes no negotiation with this

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real no recognition of his

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real and no peace treaties

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with Israel and the the

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famous three nose terribly conference

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in Khartoum of the August

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1967 really was the foundation

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of are boycotts an economically

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not just politically of Israel.

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Of course, we saw in

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the early seventies after the

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1973 Yom Kippur War the

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real boycott of the Arab

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oil boycott of the West

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and all that sort of

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thing. So we're looking at

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dispute not just militarily but

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economic I'm really I was

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sort of a starting point

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for much of that for

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the entire North Africa and

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middle east region, but in

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the 1980s things really went

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as they say in a

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different direction in Sudan as

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it relations, not just to

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Israel, but the entire Middle

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East when the general Bashir

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took over the country in

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a coup interns Sudan into

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not just a confrontation state

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with his real meaning this

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actually sent soldiers to fight

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is real in Wars unlike

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the Emirates in Morocco and

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lock ring, but it also

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became a terrorist State and

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in the 1980s and into

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the 1990s, but sheer and

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Sudan welcomed and supported Al-Qaeda

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and and indeed Osama Bin

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Laden who lived in cartoon

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had businesses in Khartoum and

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was closely associated with the

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Bashar regime right into the

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1990s. Now, how did I

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get involved in all this?

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Well, unfortunately because a lot

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of this is the nature

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of my practice on August

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7th, 1998 Al Qaeda carried

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out to a suicide truck

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bombing of the American embassies

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in Nairobi Kenya and dar

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salaam, Tanzania hundreds of people

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were killed not just Americans

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but canyons and Tom's Indians

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and others and for many

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many years. I represented all

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the American victims and their

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families were killed in those

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attacks. Who did we Sue?

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We shoot Sudan because Sudan

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was designated a tasty as

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a state sponsor of terrorism

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that he made a formal

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legal and Regulatory term that

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allowed first Americans and then

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nine Americans who were employed

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by the US government to

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pursue Sudan and other countries

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like Libya Iran and others

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in federal court in Washington

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or damages and Sudan represented

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itself. There was a few

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years word with true representation,

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but it Major law firms

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eventually a white & case

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represented them as we got

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further along in the litigation

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and I was not the

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only Law Firm involved Gibson

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Dunn was involved on our

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side as mothers and we

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pursued sedan in federal court.

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We obtain judgments or its

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role in supporting Al-Qaeda and

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Osama Bin Laden in these

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attacks on our embassies. And

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eventually we obtained judgment the

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judgment to Rappel down a

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peel the cases went up

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to the US Supreme Court,

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which affirmed all the judgments

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sedan defending itself through White

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& case to the whole

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process and during this time

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meaning almost a 20-year. Israel

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and Sudan we're effectively at

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war with each other because

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after Al-Qaeda and Osama Bin

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Laden kind of migrated from

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Sudan and Afghanistan, Iran started

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using Sudan as a base

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to transport weapons and missiles

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through Sudan through the very

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poorest Egyptian border with Sudan

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to supply weapons and missiles

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to Hamas in Gaza to

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Hezbollah in Lebanon and other

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terrorist groups in the region

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much to the dismay. Not

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just of Israel, but Egypt

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Jordan Saturdays and in many

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others during that timeframe the

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Israeli Air Force actually carried

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out Military raids on cartoon

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as recently as ten years

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ago and they didn't get

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a lot of attention in

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the press and when they

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happened a general this year

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in his regime tried to

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say all that was just

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a fire at a warehouse

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or a truck blew or

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something like that. And so

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we have a very different

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history here very different path

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of how Sudan eventually joined

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the abrahamic words and you

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say what how could a

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terrorist State account for Patient

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State even think about doing

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such a thing. Well, the

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lawsuits that we handled didn't

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just result in court judgements

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eventually after we had finished

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going all the way up

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to the US Supreme Court

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Sudan and we with the

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Diplomatic assistance of the Emirates

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and is real healthy us

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not only to get Sudan

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to settle our cases which

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they did they paid in

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a international bilateral settlement agreement

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between the United States in

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Sudan hundreds of millions of

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dollars in compensation to my

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clients and others who were

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pursuing them. It was a

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historic settlement. It was based

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very much on the model

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of the US Lydia settlement

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which was back in 2008.

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I was getting a little

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more depressed than than the

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Sudan settlement and we even

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had to go to Congress

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to get legislation to implement

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at this International. Settlement agreement

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it was during that process

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which was very intense as

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you can imagine a very

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politically crazy that Sudan agreed

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after a general Bashir had

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been thrown out of office

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which now sits in a

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Sudanese jail awaiting who knows

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what kind of legal consequences

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that the Sudanese government agreed

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that Sudan would join the

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Emirates and Morocco and rock

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rain in joining Abraham Accords

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why unlike the Emirates sedan

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doesn't have gas and oil

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and I'm like Morocco. It

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does not have a history

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of large numbers of Moroccan

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Jews moving to Israel or

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having a cap ties with

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Morocco unlike bakri. There isn't

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a US military base in

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Sudan that you know a

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place a major role in

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its in its decisions. Sudan

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didn't have any of these

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things. It does have one

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thing that's important to the

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Arab world and frankly important

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to Israel. It's a large

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agricultural country. It grows a

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lot of the crops. It

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has a lot of a

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cattle and livestock. It helps

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feed Saudi Arabia and the

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Gulf region and quite often

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as soon and we'll even

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though it's smaller than it

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used to be. Remember the

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bottom half of the country

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was broken off in the

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South Sudan over a dozen

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years ago. It's still a

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regional supplier of food and

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livestock mostly to the gulf

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in the Saudis to to

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Sudan having Israeli agricultural tech,

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which is some of the

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best in the world. I

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would have better conserve water

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resources had a better get

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yields from crops and livestock

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could make a tremendous difference

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to the people of Sudan

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in terms of how much

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food they have trying to

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reduce food scarcity and also

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helping Sudan increased its exports

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of agriculture. Text to its

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traditional up customers in the

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Middle East in the gulf.

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And so the Israelis were

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thrilled a to see if

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the state that have been

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a terrorist State and indeed

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a confrontation State become basically

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a partner for peace. If

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you will wear both parties,

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both States could benefit economically

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diplomatically and as most points

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into want to see both

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parties have to have benefits.

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Both parties have to see

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that their interests are served

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by engaging in this sort

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of thing. Now obviously Sudan

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is not as far along

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as the Emirates you won't

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see it short like we

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saw a minute ago. I

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from my colleagues about hundreds

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of thousands of Israelis traveling

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to cartoon as tourist, you

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will not see a chart

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showing billions of dollars of

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trade for High-Tech and medical

00:40:05  
and all that sort of

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thing. You won't see you

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at Daily flights from Tel

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Aviv to cartoon, we're not

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we're not there yet putting

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aside the terrible civil Strife

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that's going on in Sudan.

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What were hopeful though is

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that this is a roadmap

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for how estate which had

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been a confrontation stayed any

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terrorist State and overcome that

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history and try to reach

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out for common ground with

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Israel with the support of

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its Arab neighbors because Egypt

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and the Saudis and the

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Emirates and the Jordanians were

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all very supportive of Sudan

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working with the context of

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the Abraham Accords in a

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way that would make sense

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for everyone in the region.

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Now, we don't know what

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the future holds in Sudan

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at. We're all praying that

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the stripe that's going on

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right now can be the

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ended. Press reports have shown

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that representatives of Israel have

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been in cartoon talking to

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both sides in the Civil

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strife. And both sides have

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been meeting with Israeli representatives.

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And so hopefully Israel quietly

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and work with the Saudis

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can work with the Americans

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can work with other parties

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to bring Strife to an

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end and get Sudan back

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on track in its own

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unique way and its own

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very different way than the

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success story. We've seen with

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the Emirates in Morocco and

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it says Professor rights will

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know and show us in

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a minute. I even Lebanon

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Lebanon which is effectively controlled

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by Hezbollah and Iran game

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militarily and diplomatically and economically

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as somehow found a way

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to resolve the maritime border

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disputes to allow of the

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gas to be developed by

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Israel and Lebanon in other

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countries like Cypress. So if

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that can be done on

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a large scale between Lebanon

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and Israel and its own

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unique way certainly should damage

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is already taken steps to

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join the Abraham Accords can

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and hopefully Will a couple

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of years from now allow

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people to put up graphs

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that show progress between Israel

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and Sudan just like we've

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seen with others. So I

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hope that kind of summarizes

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things of this very unique

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path that the Sudan has

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taken and continues to take

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as part of the Abraham

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of Courts. Thank you, and

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anyone with questions, of course

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at the end, we're happy

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to to try to answer.

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Thank you. I was very

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interesting and then probably a

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much less well-known aspect of

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the average Abraham chords. Hopefully

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if we have a similar

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panel in a year or

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two or three we can

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talk about a few other

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interesting story about their path

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to it. over to you

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Thank you, sir. I'm going

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to share this presentation. I

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was supposed to be completely

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unrelated Israel's Ministry of justice

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has decided it is new

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to the job Wednesday truck

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model law on Commercial arbitration

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and that they have credited

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me for convincing them to

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do. So as to an

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article that I probably should

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bring along University and we

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hope we all hope that

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is going to go through

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Parliament and become law and

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that will make a big

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difference in Israel in in

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in in in in furthering

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International commercial arbitration in Israel.

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And Israel is serving the

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seed for international. Commercial arbitration

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and hopefully that will happen

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soon. And I we already

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know how see many changes

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in in in in the

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local scene and be much

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more involved in this than

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being specializing in it more

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and more than we knew

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before so that was my

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time to is what you

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see here on the screened.

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Israel-lebanon Maritime border dispute and

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I think that also given

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a big contribution to stability

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in the region and then

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peace and indeed this agreement

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that was reached in October

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20-22 just a few months

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ago for many many comes.

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First of all, I think

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it's probably the first Maritime

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boundary agreement ever in history

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that has been reached between

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countries that have no diplomatic

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relations and and every public

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confrontation States. They are still

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disputed border is called the

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Blue Line which is administered

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by the United Nation. But

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is there certain places were

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still disputed? Is it off

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the prince married time limitation

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agreement between adjacent space in

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East Mediterranean sex agreements between

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countries that are opposite each

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other on the other side

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of the Mediterranean Thursday Egypt

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and Cyprus and and it

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was read through indirect negotiation

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that were was meditating many

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United States is not arbitration,

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but it's just you said

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a man is really interesting

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interesting how this was John

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between two countries that won't

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even sit with each other

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so that they were basically

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sitting in two separate rooms

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and the US negotiate and

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mediator between them. And the

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agreement is not one agreement.

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It's actually to agree. It's

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to agreement won between Israel

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and United States and the

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other one which which obviously

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he's a country that you

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recognize each other and buy

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all together. They constitute an

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agreement between Israel and as

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you know, the Vienna convention

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on the law of treaties

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and article 21 defines an

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international treaty that it can

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be prosecuted by one or

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two or more event is

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so here we fall in

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the second category of two

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agreements that together constitute one

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agreement between Israel and without

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them actually sitting together. That's

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kind of Unique never take

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so what what was the

00:47:17  
dispute about? So this is

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been going on since 2010

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and in 2011, both countries

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submitted border claims to the

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UN, but they were conflicted.

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They weren't the same. So

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Israel, if you look at

00:47:43  
the map here, you can

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see that the border between

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Israel and and 11 and

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he's called in Hebrew Russia

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me cry English the curragh

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and Ninety Degrees from the

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Baseline that goes along with

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bows and I did it

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hit the point here where

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you can see it and

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wife is American playing this

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point here is called .1

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is it supposed to Lebanon

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which it submitted a claim

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with a line that goes

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more to the South and

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to another point point 25

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and the book the end

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of this is basically the

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delimitation the border with Cypress

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because if we have deciphered

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that actually both Lebanon and

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Israel reached an agreement with

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snipers mind you the Lebanese

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agreement was only ever And

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ratified so it'll said you

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know in your agreement with

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you are so one as

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the point that appears on

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the maps of your delimitation

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agreement with Cyprus. So you

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basically considered that this is

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the point but then they

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let me see about this

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agreement was never ratified. So

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we we we don't agree

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with in this. A triangle

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that is created by these

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two disputed disputing. We have

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a total of 856 km<sup>2</sup>

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much more and then they

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came up and said that

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we have this new idea

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that actually you should draw

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the line at the continuation

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of the land board so

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she can draw the line

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straight into the sea you

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can reach this but then

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they insisted that they have

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to go up a little

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bit playing but this everybody

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knew that this was kind

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of a manipulation part of

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this part of the negotiation.

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Israel has it here and

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it confirmed phone natural gas

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field called, which is now

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owned by the British company

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in a jam and it

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was supposed to start working

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in 2020 call the kind

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of prospect where there is

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a high chance to finding

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gas or though. It's not

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has been cleared yet. Another

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important thing to know is

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that in 2003 Israel laid

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boys in the water in

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order to delimit the border

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the American border between the

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borders of Lebanon. Why only

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5 km because after I

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became subject to put voice

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that's what I it was

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explained to me now. When

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did this whole thing starts

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because I'm really hurt and

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when when in 2020 Israel

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has bound to stop developing

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the coverage feel and on

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the other hand Lebanon granted

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licenses in this kind of

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prospect to International companies such

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as Thailand from Italy and

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part of it was in

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the disputed Waters in their

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so-called exclusive economic zone. And

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this is a big problem

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and also willing to put

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money into the seats to

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the speaker expiration. If they

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don't have a disability and

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stability in knowing that this

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actually a table or Lebanon

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has the authority to give

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them license in this area.

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They had these their licenses

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and as a result the

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United States the efforts to

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mediate went into a higher

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level than this was America

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American missionary. I'm actually originally

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this ready and it was

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done in the room and

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eventually the agreement was signed

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in October 2022. How was

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it possible to reach agreement?

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So I think there was

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a bit of last year

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that the situation that they

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are very special at the

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time on the one hand.

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We had in this temporary

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government government headed by a

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man who had maybe a

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month to go before the

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general election on the 11th.

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economic situation blue the patient's

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catastrophic and steal it and

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be able to explore and

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making it be fine and

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natural gas was a big

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strain on a ray of

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Hope for for the Lebanese,

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but they couldn't do so

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as long as this dude

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wasn't the fact that the

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president was on his last

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few weeks before his term

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was over and I had

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to that also prevents the

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the starting of drain gas

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from the curries all these

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together all these came together

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and made it very very

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hurt him to finish this

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and as a result and

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the agreement First aid agreements

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were signed in October 2022.

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So what's your boy line

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is the limiting the territorial

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Waters of the party. But

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from then on from you

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know, there's a question because

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the territorial waters are 12

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nautical Mi out of the

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territorial Waters Avenue limited to

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the north to the South.

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At the mansion by Lebanon

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and in fact that raised

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a lot of criticism within

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Israel by the opposition which

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today is the governor government

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really good party and the

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other right-wing party that this

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was really a cell of

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this was the population by

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the more left-wing or Central

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leaning government because basically they

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accepted all of the demand

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that the government and what

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was he greet also what

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kind of prospects will be

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explodes blighted under Lebanese law

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so they will grant a

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license. Israel will retain economic

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rights according to the park

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in his water so you

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can see here that there's

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like it's no green triangle

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here. So they rebate and

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basically whatever if there is

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found gas oil there whatever

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part is in that green

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triangle. And in other words

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inside Israeli economic zone is

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LaRue be entitled to royalties

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on that agreement between companies

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that will hopefully find this

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guy and this really got

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me mad again under the

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auspices and help and assistance

00:57:01

of United States government and

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I should also note that

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the United States government has

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also granted I can guarantee

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to Israel did this will

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be an honor that agreement

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would be honored and and

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not at least remains Israeli,

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of course and there is

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a dispute settlement provision in

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the agreement, but it's not

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it's not a definite one

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dispute will be resolved through

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discussion facilitated by the United

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States showing potential Theory we

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could have in here and

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it serious No finding a

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mechanism to resolve it. I

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hope we won't get there

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and let the u.s. Involvement

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here. We'll we'll solve this

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probably just brought us to

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this agreement important because it

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really provides the necessary stability

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for gas and oil exploration

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in the Eastern Mediterranean a

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potential for military clashes terrorism

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has been decrease the disagreement.

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As I said, we should

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a man together with the

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Abraham Accord. I think he

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paves the way for involvement

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of more more energy corporation.

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Brighten, but I think this

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pissed as a way for

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more of it and already

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now. We know that there

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is an company from Abu

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Dhabi which is interested in

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entering there is really racing

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in market and Corporation. And

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of course, I think also

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that in the end of

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the day it is in

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his interest because it could

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free them from the control

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that would mention before other

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people are not freezing, but

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maybe the control that. Animals

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are the future remind me

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to pave the way for

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some kind of peace between

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Israel and Lebanon. And again,

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I would be happy to

01:00:08  
answer any questions you have

01:00:09  
about this ring. Thank you.

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Don't think I've seen questions

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from the audience all still.

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Is there anything either of

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you want to add? About

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how many things we've been

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discussing here staying the only

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thing I would add and

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it comes through on this

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presentation and others we've done

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is that it's not one-size-fits-all

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when it comes to Israel

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and its neighbors in the

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North Africa Middle East Gulf

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region as Professor right just

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pointed out Lebanon, which is

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maybe the ultimate confrontation State

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de facto with Israel at

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the moment cuz of his

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bullet even they were able

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to put together. What could

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be a multibillion-dollar economic Arrangement.

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I'll be a non-traditional the

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way Sudan got their non-traditional

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and I think the take

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away from here is as

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as wonderful as we see

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the charts with the the

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Emirates and tourism and trade

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and then we know Morocco

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by cranor on that path

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when Sudan and Lebanon in

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their own unique ways and

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find a path forward either

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for political or economic. Reasons

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to find ways that are

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not involving soldiers and airplanes

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and bombings and killings to

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resolve disputes the better and

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that's where the lawyers and

01:01:38  
the economic people and experts

01:01:41  
like those who are participating

01:01:42  
in these conferences can really

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help the process for peace

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in the constructive and positive

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way. I think that's the

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takeaway from all of this

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and it's not one-size-fits-all. Thank

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you. So I I agree

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with that. I think that's

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really interesting. I re-read following

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their Publications and I read

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again before today the 2022

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annual report of the Abraham

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Accords peace Institute, which is

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interesting and goes through the

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the different states and and

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I which one is a

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bit different than it actually

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rang the strength of the

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peace within the Abraham Accords

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countries by by its relative

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strength. So strong as it

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quits excetera, and they also

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discusses interesting the specs for

01:02:34

the states in the Middle

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East and Northern Africa southeast

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Asia, so interested in reading

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more and then seeing the

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Diplomatic people to people and

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other aspects of a disconcertingly

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read that report and then

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Just station again, no connection

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to the LinkedIn and other

01:03:05

pages of the Diplomatic missions

01:03:07

of the different countries. When

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do I call for Napoli's

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really missions to Abu Dhabi

01:03:12

and Dubai and then the

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information date they post is

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is always interesting. So unless

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you have anything else from

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the panelists or from the

01:03:25

audience? I'll turn it over

01:03:28

to the organizers. Gian Maria

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other two kind of guide

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us going forward. Thank you

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very much. Well, thanks very

01:03:38

much that that's being a

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fantastic panel. Actually. I had

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a few questions I could

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interject. We got a couple

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of more minutes. What are

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the prospects for additional countries

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to join the acorda? I

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know there's being you know,

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a lot of frankly economic

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activity in the region. Certainly

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Saudi Arabia Kuwait's R potential

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candidates as well. And of

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course arbitration has has been

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on an incredible growth rate.

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What do you think that

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the prospects are for for

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those other Gulf countries to

01:04:22

to join? Paul Murray So

01:04:27

is it around I think

01:04:31

the middle of last year

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that was Stronger. It was

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about to join a wire

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that would be massive. Obviously

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if I understand this this

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obvious all looking as something

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less. I think it may

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be a laundry from Israel.

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UAE Wichita pagoda-style the lawn

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when I think I need

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to secure the information as

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well again, I think I've

01:05:11

been hanging out with huge

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again. So I think it's

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more like he's in the

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body today than a full

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gold on PC and then

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Surprise amount of Mega is

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looking at that soon. Yeah,

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I don't know. I don't

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think there are any anyone

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who's anyone else a way

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to write it already. You

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kind of need the right

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constellation of situation at the

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prison happen. I mean obviously

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Saudi Arabia is the great

01:06:02

price out there when I

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bring the cord and it's

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been a lot of talk

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about it right now to

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bend them partly because of

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the right-wing government that we

01:06:21

have now Israel and which

01:06:23

is received. Three Men Without

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Hats statements that are problematic

01:06:35

for a country such as

01:06:37

hell and back again things

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can change some point in

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the future and won the

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right circumstances during play Dreamin

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is raised and usually once

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it's their situation changes and

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there are also other big

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Sonic stay with potential acting

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again in the right circumstances

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such as Indonesia, maybe even

01:07:25

a lazy although maybe Pakistan

01:07:28

right now, that would be

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now travel from Israel. And

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yeah and let me just

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say I had to say

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is all correct one of

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the things instead of just

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saying what when is Saturday

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going to sign the abrahamic

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words? I think that's that's

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not the right question to

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ask it what's going on.

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Now that is building the

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framework the foundation for Saturday

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and others but Saturday particular

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and it's the small steps

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that are going on either

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inform. We are behind the

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scenes that create the infrastructure

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that would allow me to

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do it when quote the

01:08:18

stars are aligned is already

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says there is extensive security

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cooperation between Israel and Saturday

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already. This is been reported

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publicly there is extensive. So

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I'll call it under the

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table economic exchange is going

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on between Israel and the

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Saturday Israeli technology is showing

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up in Saudi Arabia. I'll

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just not directly indirectly going

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through third parties. So you're

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seeing that just this week.

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It's been revealed that the

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Saudis may allow the Israeli

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Arabs Muslim to travel directly

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from Ben Gurion Airport to

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Mecca and Medina the hot

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which would be a very

01:09:02  
significant thing when you see

01:09:05  
partial steps just like when

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gutter allowed direct flights of

01:09:09  
soccer fans football fans from

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Tel Aviv to Doha. Last

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year for the World Cup.

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So I think you're more

01:09:15  
likely to see step by

01:09:17  
step rather than a dramatic

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Abraham Accords that type of

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a signing ceremony. If you

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will that's going to have

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to wait for what my

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friend already says that the

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political stars have to be

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aligned in all the parties

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for that to happen. The

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last thing I'll say is

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the de-facto ruler of the

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Saturday mds's use call themselves,

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then tell them he said

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just this week we're prepared

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to move ahead with his

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real but you know, we

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think the palestinian-israeli issue needs

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to be resolved now in

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the past and frankly, I

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think today that's a fig

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leaf that is a political

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statement that use to justify

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going slow even while shouting

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and Israel are engaged in

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a substance of exchanges. And

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so I think a lot

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of things have to happen

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step by step over the

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next maybe a couple of

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years not just in Israel

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politically, you know, will this

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government Survivor and But also

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what happens in Saturday what

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happens around the world what

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what role is a ran

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playing and I would Saturday

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in Iran taking baby steps

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towards each other to reduce

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their attentions. All of those

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things will be taken into

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account by the time that

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Saturday and Israel may be

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able to announce the naval

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now entering into the Abraham

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record. So we'll see what

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happens. We can all pray

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that it goes to the

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path a positive development and

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not negative. I see we

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have a question in the

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chat whether there is any

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lesson from the abrahamic or

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that can be used to

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end Russia Ukraine different situation.

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I will take cuz they're

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we're in the middle of

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the war and that was

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mentioned it before but I

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knew there was never any

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War behind the scene. Here

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is a personal pronoun and

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it's it's a lot of

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matter of prestige going on

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there in the nationalism. You

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can see that it has.

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Not being very successful. Successful

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in the track and I

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I don't know what it

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would take very long time

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that to happen as is

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now in place and there

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maybe maybe somebody else this

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time take on that. I

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completely agree with that. I

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can just very little perilous

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to draw. Maybe the only

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thing is that the importance

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of a strong relevant third-party

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mediator to help Drive the

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long neck progress, which is

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surprisingly Israel try to take

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that role early on in

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that conflict. But I think

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that and is less of

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the situation more recently. So

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maybe I can do the

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only one pair of parallel

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but less than that anything

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you can see from the

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abrahamic words, but other than

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that, I think I agree.

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It is a very very

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different situations. It's the reason

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I called the reverse Abraham

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Accords. There are bits between

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Ukraine and Russia are they

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had filled them attic relations.

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They were closed culturally economically

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language ways. I mean, sorry.

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Do it. It's the complete

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reversal of the abrahamic words

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like it, you know, it's

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like an alternative universe. But

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but the lesson from the

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abrahamic words is that former

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enemies can find ways to

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work together. And that's that's

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the most important of you

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were talking big picture dispute

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resolution a text message to

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take away. Well, maybe maybe

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on that note. We've come

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to the end of our

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time and I wanted to

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thank near and Ari and

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Stu and Paul for this

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excellent and in light and

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lightning panel arbitration in the

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Middle East and North Africa

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and Israel. It has grown

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rapidly over the last 10

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15 years of the economic

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activities that have now occurred

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over the last few years

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between Israel and and many

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of its former antagonist is

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is hardening in a world

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that in many places. It

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continues to still be hostile.

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It's it's a great lesson

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for all of us and

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it was this was a

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great panel to start off

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this week, and we're Arbitration

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update and we're going to

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have another panel at the

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top of the hour titled

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the other protocol on investment

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of the African Continental free-trade

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area usmca in new generation

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of investment treaties by region,

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and I invite everyone to

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come back at the top

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of the hour right now.

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We are going to break

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out into a discussion rooms

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as one of the features

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of world arbitration update. We

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like to provide a little

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bit of networking. So those

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of you want to stay

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on in and have a

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chat with some of your

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colleagues will provide that opportunity,

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but otherwise, we'll see you

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at the next session and

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thanks again to our panelists

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and moderator for a a

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a great discussion on the

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abrahamic cards, and that everyone

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have a great day. Thank

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you very very much. I



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thank everyone. Good morning. Good

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afternoon. Good evening, and welcome

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to World arbitration update. This

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is our third annual conference.

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My name is e m

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Laird. I am co-founder and

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co-chairman of the conference along

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with my colleague. Dr. Jose

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Antonio Rivas and we're very

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pleased to start day 3

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of this year's conference with

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a topic that generates a

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great deal of interest concerning

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arbitration in the Middle East

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region and North Africa and

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we have an excellent that

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panel today on the topic

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of the Abraham Accords arbitration

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of disputes involving Israel and

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the Mena region and I

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have the real pleasure today

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introducing the moderator of our

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panel, but I just wanted

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to talk a little bit

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about Arbitration update we founded

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it to provide a forum

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outside the usual and international

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centers of arbitration to reflect

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a truly International nature of

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international arbitration. We've organized a

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conference over six days this

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year to cover every region

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of the world and part

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of the Mandate of the

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conference's to provide updates on

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recent developments from all those

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different region and example, this

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year was We started the

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first two days of the

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conference in Mexico, and we

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were very grateful and pleased

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to work with and cooperate

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with the national autonomous University

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of Mexico in Mexico City

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and and worked together. On

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the Mexico City investment arbitration

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days at which were very

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successful over the two days

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first two days of the

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conference in Mexico City. We

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had over 950 participants in

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person and virtually it was

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a great success and we

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look forward to continuing the

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rest of this weekend and

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kicking it off with this

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this great session. I'd like

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to introduce our moderator the

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for the session it said

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near tied are and he's

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a partner at the Gwinnett

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Ski & Company in Tel

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Aviv near specializes in complex

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International arbitration representing clients in

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proceedings under various arbitral body

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rules as well as an

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ad hoc proceedings as many

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of you know, Kornitsky is

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a regular Regularly ranked Tier

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1 and is a top

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International arbitration firm and is

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experienced in particular spans a

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range of Industry sectors, including

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construction energy and natural resources

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banking Financial Services insurance and

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Eminem a it's a really

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great pleasure to have you

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here this morning they are

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and I'll pass over the

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microphone and we'll get our

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session started really looking forward

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to this fantastic topic. Thanks

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very much and let's go

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Your phone. Thank you Ian.

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Very excited to to be

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here and welcome everyone to

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this will hopefully be a

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very interesting panel we have

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to do with us that

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you varied and interesting panel

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of experts who will take

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us through very varied and

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interesting aspects that so what

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will have is I'll start

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off with a very short

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introduction, but then we'll turn

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off to to the people

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who will be making the

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presentation. So we have with

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us all Hughes as a

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partner with Cobra and Kim's

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Dubai office is over 10

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years of experience in Dubai

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focusing on complex cross-border claims

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with a Nexus to the

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UAE and the Middle East

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in The Wider sense. He

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has extensive experience in enforcement

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of judgment an arbitral awards

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fraud investigations and contentious shareholder

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disputes. And Cobra and Kim

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has offices in Dubai in

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Tel Aviv, which makes it

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uniquely placed to deal with

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matters that have to do

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with Abraham chords. Paul will

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focus on the abrahamic was

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more generally and and will

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focus on areas of expertise

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from the cross-border litigation arbitration

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enforcement and how those high-end

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to be Abraham chords. We

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also have with us Stewart

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neuberger to senior partner at

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international law firm Crowell &

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moring. He's developed their International

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days to practice before the

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US courts as well as

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gills with International commercial entry

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debased arbitrations prior to joining

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The Firm 34 years ago

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served as the US attorney's

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office in the US the

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US government in criminal and

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civil matters start at Georgetown

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law and lectured at school

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and bar programs around the

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world and very interesting Lee

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the author of The Forgotten

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site which tells a story

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of his pursuit of Libya

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and Colonel Qaddafi for blowing

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up the UTA flight 772

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in 1989 still will focus

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specifically on a less frequently

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talked about aspects of the

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Sudan and how it ties

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into the abrahamic court. Made

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its way into them. Last

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but certainly not least. We

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have Professor. I realized he's

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a professor at bar-ilan University

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formerly the dean of the

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faculty of Law and presently

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the vice Rector. He is

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he specializes in namakkal you'll

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arbitration in energy law has

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authored over 50 academic books

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and articles on topics ranging

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from international trade and investment

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law is arbitration public procurement

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law EU competition line towards

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is the president of the

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International Academy of commercial and

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consumer law a member of

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the exit tunnel conciliators and

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arbitrators has served as a

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present of Israeli Association for

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the study of European integration.

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He's also fat as a

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member of seven different WTO

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dispute settlement panels and trades

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involving various countries such as

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the US and China Russia,

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Indonesia and Malaysia. A professor

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I will focus here today

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on the bill to adopt

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you to throw Madeline Israel

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in the dispute over the

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maritime border with Lebanon and

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how these two things eventually

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impact the abrahamic or is

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in the wider sense and

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then in the Middle East

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or generally so before turning

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over to my to to

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the panelists, I want to

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take a couple of minutes

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to talk about the abrahamic

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words more generally. So first

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of all, when we say

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the a power cords, what

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do we need? So they

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are generally the famed the

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phrase is generally used to

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refer collectively the sets of

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agreements between Israel and several

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countries. including the UAE buy

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her a Norelco Sudan and

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interesting me for me and

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this is a notice today

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reading a little bit more

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about the abrahamic cords cost

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about stopping by to get

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together with the Abraham Accord

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countries and Now Video Music

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Awards are interesting because these

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are countries that have been

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in military conflict. But for

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many many years there was

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a state of no official

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relationships even to the extent

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of an economic boycott of

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Israel by many of the

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states and economic and other

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links between Israel and the

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abrahamic or states were limited

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if it all and indirect

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and Saudi Accords essentially is

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a collectively a set of

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agreements or is an agreement

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and additional steps that deal

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with the normalization East Maddock

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relations, and you cannot have

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normal relations between the countries.

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No, just for example, one

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of the very first steps.

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Do you eat took following

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the first person that was

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to repeal. What was then

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called as he's abused really

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boycott law and then when

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it's done business in the

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UAE prior to that will

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know that standard contracts in

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the UT Austin had anti-israel

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and I dealing with his

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real Provisions excetera. So the

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normalization of economic ties essentially

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leads directly to the possibility

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of of economic ties between

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this round the UAE and

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the rest of the year

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and record of countries. And

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following those agreements Israel has

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relatively quickly pursued additional agreement

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with those Abraham Accords State's

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leading with the UAE. There

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is now a Free Trade

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Agreement, which is in force

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between Israel and that you

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were he there is important

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that bilateral investment treaty protecting

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Mutual Investments between his role

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in the UAE and just

00:09:40  
as an aside for anyone

00:09:41  
who's interested in investment Protection

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Law and the drafting of

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VIPs. I think it's a

00:09:47  
very interesting the it to

00:09:49  
read for various reasons, and

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we I've heard an official

00:09:53  
from the Israeli Ministry of

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Justice say that it was

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actually negotiated in a week

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and for anyone who knows

00:10:01  
how special agreement negotiated with

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unusually quick that is They're

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digital very useful agreements that

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are part of the normalization

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of the relationships and the

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Practical effects of of them.

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So for example of things

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I have to do in

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recognition of driver's licenses Customs

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cooperations the ability to carry

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out direct flights and indirectly

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make a phone call. These

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were things that only a

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few years ago what were

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wearing possible now. BB interest

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one of the interesting things

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and then one of the

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reasons it's important that we're

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having this town today is

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that they aren't just these

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the abrahamic cord is not

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only assets. Political or diplomatic

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agreement agreement which have a

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very very practical mostly, not

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only impact and I'll just

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before heading over to to

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the to not to the

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Travel list. I will just

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quickly share and hopefully everyone

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can see this I'll just

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share a very small set

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of economic indicators that we

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can just set the scene

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a little bit under the

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impact and importance of the

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Abraham Accords. so these are

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data that were taken from

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the Israeli Central Bureau of

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Statistics comparing total traded to

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his around the Abraham Accord

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countries between 2019 and 2022.

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And by the way there

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already first indicator is that

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3 is showing additional increase

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so you can see that

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the increased between just under

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six hundred million dollars of

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trade in 2019 to over

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to almost 3.5 billion dollars

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paid in 2022. And that

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is also shown in the

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import-export balance. So there is

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much more important to Israel

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from Abraham Accord countries and

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Export but both imports and

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exports as soon as you're

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on the abrahamic or countries

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have increased significantly are 2019

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and 2020 to 2020 to

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increase is is very very

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significant. Fifth District expects a

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slave from that the Israel

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UAE trade and it was

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very clear from this is

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not only the very that

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it is in the trade

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between Israel and the UAE

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UAE. But also how significant

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is really UAE trade his

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as a part of the

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Abraham Accord. So when we

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looked at the previous statistics,

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it is clearly a very

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large part of that is

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the trade between Israel and

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the EU and the last

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is just in terms of

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tourists. so the 56 are

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showing a very significant out

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closer to his run the

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abrahamic or countries and less

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significant increase in the tourism

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between Abraham Accord Countryside Israel,

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but if you're looking at

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the increase in terms of

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tourists out going from Israel,

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so I'll be there was

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a small decreased because of

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covid test and very very

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quickly age and increase which

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is dramatic from under thirty

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thousand to almost half a

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million in 2022, and it

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goes together with the fact

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that you no longer need

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a visa and there are

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direct flights and I think

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anyone who knows Israel knows

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that almost everyone from his

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role as now visited the

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UAE and it's just been

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one of the more common

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and love places to to

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to visit them to into

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being So having said that

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I'll turn her over to

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fall. I'm damned if I

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Echo everything you said that

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is the flight between Dubai

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and Tel Aviv, five times

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in the last 12 months.

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I can vouch that. The

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law is very slow not

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coming cuz I want to

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try to come up with

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a kosher restaurant say I

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could do to improve my

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phone outside but it's still

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great time at the economic

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benefits of lemon has put

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upon the economic benefits of

00:14:44  
the Abraham Accord between this

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rather than the United Arab

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Emirates and then go to

00:14:49  
talk about potential issues that

00:14:52  
arise out of the abrahamic

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oils and how this will

00:14:55  
potentially increase the use of

00:14:56  
arbitration in Truck Loader commercial

00:14:58  
disputes between Israel and not

00:15:01  
just see you at the

00:15:02  
beach as a whole, so

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many people in Park City

00:15:06  
of the abrahamic hall turn

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on the smooth and efficient

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efficient running of tropical Adele

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patricians involving a two states.

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Do I need to point

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out is it trade between

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the two countries is right

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out on the UAE has

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been growing since the court

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to signed in September 2020

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following the signing of a

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comprehensive economic partnership agreement to

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a CPAP last year and

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it provides unprecedented economic benefits.

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It provides greater Market access

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to you and your brother

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and during the Israeli market

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and provide for an open

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and non-discriminatory environment roll cross-border

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trade with Israel in particular

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the key Industries off Bynum

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transport Communications on a long

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way to establishing rules on

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tips to trade in. The

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protection of Ip rights is

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Rosa at home. I'm on

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the uae's growing into to

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become the servants are open

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in the Middle East as

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well. I'm at my appointed

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rounds with bilateral trade and

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it's only a voice at

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2.59 billion in 2020 to

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109.7% from the year before

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I'm interesting in the UAE

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is now the 16th largest

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trading partner of Israel Houghton

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126 country, which is either

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with such a great Improvement

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to be considered three or

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five years ago two countries.

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They have quite lofty ambition.

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You want to cross the

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ten billion threshold and bilateral

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trade and in the coming

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years. Now significant levels of

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investment most people on this

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cold night time Sleep Inn

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Sea-Tac in in disputes and

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investigations Osterman has a high

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level of foreign direct investment.

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You have a funny movie.

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And then eventually break down

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between the parties. I'm really

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it's those commercial policy is

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not leaving aside the best

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epoxies engaging in the endless

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increased level of trade. They

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need to know the mechanics

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of how a dispute between

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an Israeli Eminem. Rossi company

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was all And without certainty

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without the certainty of a

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long time before the dispute

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resolution mechanisms without them knowing

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that the contract for the

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FBI director against a wall

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between Venture without knowing that

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they can open it and

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not cash. It it goes

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wrong. Then this thick the

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lofty Ambitions the bilateral trade

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may not actually be able

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to at least realize now

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given the other than that

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again the other than the

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best is it on since

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of bilateral treaty on on

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recognition and enforcement or children's

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to me arbitrations. Like he

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should be the main beneficiary

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when it comes to any

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disputes arising out of this

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influx of foreign investments and

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I need course given a

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century is Rylan and the

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signatories to the New York

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convention. And I'm come back

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to the importance of arbitration

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will in a second, but

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just to put it on

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the force of the court

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judgment enforcement situation call children's

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books that Society insurmountable a

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growing Trend in the UAE

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to recognize foreign judgments, as

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long as they meet the

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requirements of reciprocity between the

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Georgia Section is I think

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I think the same position

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is the same position as

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right as well. You need

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to show that reciprocity if

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it's only very recently this

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is Joy the last 12

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months. In fact that the

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UAE course, I agreed to

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pose an English judgment and

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not following the recipe calls

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for some severe a judgement

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in the United Kingdom. We

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as a family we recently

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in in January this year.

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We had an English Recognize

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engagement New York sound policy.

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I'm not supposed to not

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feed Maggie weather buy lots

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of trees down and Folsom

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football bunch of arbitration with

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should be more straightforward given

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both states are signatories to

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the New York convention. I'm

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posted at arbitration laws the

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New York convention applied in

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both the Civil on show

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called taking a setback for

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those who don't know. You

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ain't like the jurisdiction on

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the primary language is Arabic.

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You have to have the

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same qualifications, maybe being a

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Marathi practice in the in

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the local if I call

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but within the UAE Two

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separate jurisdictions that have their

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own call. If you have

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the Dubai International Financial centres,

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which is just outside my

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window hair on on the

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Hobby Lobby Global Market in

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Abu Dhabi, they both have

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a common law court system.

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Just replying to this to

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this area didn't say just

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before the road. I applied

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in this area and it

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stopped by Churches from, Lowcountry.

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So England Scotland Australia in

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Malaysia and also some local

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emirati to choose as well.

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So you have his Jewel

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system here, but the important

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things to notice that the

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New York convention will apply

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in impo time both have

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their own arbitration clause. I'm

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where I see this ability

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to be able to enforce

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in the UAE has a

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potential game-changer for Israeli award

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holders, maybe even children holders.

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Can you change it for

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the whole Middle East because

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they're all systems available here,

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but I'll give me examples

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of an Israeli food processor

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example award recognized as an

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initial staff because you just

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take advantage of the arbitration

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friendly nature that jurisdiction very

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smooth process X party recognition

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all that and then it's

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a recognition order of the

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UAE court and then they

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could look at using The

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fact that you have a

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you a photo that compose

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cross the Middle East and

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North Africa safe example through

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the real convention. Now, the

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real convention is from 1983

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Anthem Regional Tri-C reinforces judicial

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cooperation between around 20 Arab

00:22:04  
countries allowed to reset the

00:22:06  
code enforcement across North Africa

00:22:09  
and the Middle East in

00:22:11  
Saudi Arabia all the way

00:22:12  
to Morocco. Now, you may

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as well mention signature piece.

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And why would you go

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that route as well as

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I'm sure it survives ready

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Alexa? The New York convention

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roots in Gaines County policies

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and states which is Jordan.

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So Jordan signature the real

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convention, but they to call

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about enforcement by an Israeli

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policy on the dock convention

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on again as people lot

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of pain on my no

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deal with the middle eastern

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states to local courts will

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refuse to recognize news radio

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wor at local level despite

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annual convention. So you may

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have a situation where this

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way as radiator boil credit

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side because of the difc

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and then uses the rehab

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convention to them in. Almost,

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but I don't think it's

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never been tried. But Stephanie

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a possibility the lows are

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there to allow. So the

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way we said that the

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Accords not only open the

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Israelis to to the enforcement

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of every Ward and potential

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children's in the UAE and

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see what the record Abraham

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Accord signature and she shows

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up soon. Right across the

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Middle East and North Africa

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and the countries he will

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not signify his own or

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well made out of a

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signatories to the Accords 2006's

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paying attention. The last thing

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I searched Palmer's Bay just

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impact of some of this

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is not rocket science. Basic

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book the population of Navi

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and remove the most obvious

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one being the ability to

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let you fly into each

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other's countries to attend hearings

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and Stephanie things. I will

00:24:02  
have Gator Country 33 hours

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away from each other that

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so that's a big big

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make a big difference and

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it means you're less likely

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to have to hold a

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hearing in that in a

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neutral country. But then when

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it comes to the UAE

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arbitrations despite it being a

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convention signal strength despite having

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its own arbitration law is

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better than they still have

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nuances hair. So example the

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arbitration board and needs to

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be notarized to legalize any

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kind of papers and support

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with arbitration. Also needs to

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have that legalization documents which

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I found very boring brick

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and Randy or award approving

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a thousand pennies from Israeli

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or other issues around legalization

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is actually at Big Star.

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I mean take the power

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of attorney is ready to

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engage the local emirati the

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way I said, it makes

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it very difficult to do

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anything in the quote. They

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are. It's selfish change. Well

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go along with the Accords

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finally. Versace the way issues.

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I'm on a gallon of

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Donald Trump experiences in Middle

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Eastern countries, but always has

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started being issues relating to

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the appointments of all the

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traces or even Council so

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prior to the Accords policy

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may have found it difficult

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to Define Eric arbitration or

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even local firm to a

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willing to participate in an

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arbitration involving is ready paw

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season still possessing on McCord

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Middle Eastern states causing no

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end of procedural issues before

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now, I think the dock

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before the ready impact on

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the pasta in a positive

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way the actual running of

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arbitration. That's what I was

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going to say about that.

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I don't know if you

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wants to with you some

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questions at the end against

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the final when I send

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you the final have a

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question. Will he? No, thank

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you. Thank you for that

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and maybe that's a good

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opportunity to say that I

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ate I hope it participants

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can can send us questions.

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We have a chat function.

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So if if if I'll

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try to rest it and

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if you do you want

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to add to anything we

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we just turned I just

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wanted to mention maybe a

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couple of of of things

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that might be relevant for

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so I think in terms

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of enforcement of potential UAE

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or other Evancho country judgments

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in Israel, so there's as

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you mentioned there's no specific

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time to Or dad in

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terms of Israeli law the

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requirements would generally be the

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main issue generally similar to

00:27:04  
the UAE. But I think

00:27:05  
the interesting thing is Israel

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in may be hearing what

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with all said it would

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be easier to at least

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the first time in his

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role than in the UAE

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is that the there's recent

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judgment for the last few

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years and be Israeli courts

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that have really made a

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strong presumption in terms of

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arrested in favor of reciprocity.

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So the need to deposit

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it really true that they

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were enforced already his is

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a relatively low one you

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would need to show that

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they would be generally enforced.

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So hopefully if it what

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if and when that guy

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comes to generally be enforced

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in the UAE and assuming

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all the other conditions for

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important met with your generally

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more procedural games at the

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awards final that there were

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no issues that restriction that

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you have things you'd expect

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in most countries than I

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would expect that enforcement is

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would be would be possible.

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The second thing. I wanted

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to mention is that interesting

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Lee Elementary the difc courts,

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so I know that there's

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at least one judgment in

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the Jurassic world with an

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Israeli party the relatively small

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tasting at least there's the

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first time that an Israeli

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party has interest is Israel

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part actually lost but still

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it looks like it lost

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on the merits and then

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there was a there was

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a hearing and decision rendered

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so it'll be interesting to

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Here it will be interesting

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to see where that goes.

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And where they will be

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more is really parties involved

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in litigation in in do

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in the Emirates and in

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other countries and vice versa.

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So accessorized. We can move

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to still go as I

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mentioned will hear from him

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about another Abraham Accord country,

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which is Sudan and it's

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kind of more unique or

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different app into the Abraham

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Accords and then maybe a

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more troubled history at least

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with his role than some

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of the other a drama

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Court countries. Thank you very

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much. Good morning. Good afternoon.

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Good evening, and we have

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people from around the world

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and thank you for inviting

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me to participate in this

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very interesting and timely discussion.

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I'm not going to be

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able to show you a

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modern Skyline. What's going on

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in Khartoum Sudan right now?

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They don't have a Skyline.

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It's not to buy Abu

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Dhabi. It's not Tel Aviv.

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It's not the Morocco rain.

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It's not anything like most

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of the people on this

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call might imagine as we

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all know cuz it's on

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the front page of the

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news today of Khartoum Sudan

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are in a terrible crisis

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right now effectively a civil

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war between competing military factions,

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you know hundreds of thousands

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of refugees trying to leave

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poverty people being killed and

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injured forced from their homes.

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It's a terrible situation and

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sadly we shouldn't be surprised

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because the history of of

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Sudan very very different from

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the history of the other

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men. Of the abrahamic courts

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as we know Morocco about

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rain the Emirates and others

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both in the Arab world

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and and more broadly some

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of them in a very

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transparent in their dealings with

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Israel on the economic and

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political and diplomatic front and

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he jumped and Jordan of

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course had formal treaties and

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Morocco by the Emirates fa

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crane have been dealing with

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his real kind of quietly.

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If you will run lots

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of levels for many many

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years Sudan of course is

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a very very different situation

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for those who need a

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goalie for the younger people

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who need a brief history

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lesson. Ironically is real in

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Sudan. We're both parts of

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the British mandate is real

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of course losing the man

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Dade 1948 and Sudan in

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the mid-1950s, I believe 1956

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so they actually share a

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little bit of history is

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both having been a subject

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of the British Empire until

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recent memory, but that's where

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the That's where the overlap

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really ends in August of

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1967 right after the June

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1967 Six Day War that

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really changed the geographic and

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political map of the Middle

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East and end the war

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the Arab League met is

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a very famous Lee in

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Khartoum Sudan and issues. What

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is very famously known as

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the three notes no negotiation

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with this real no recognition

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of his real and no

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peace treaties with Israel and

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the the famous three nose

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terribly conference in Khartoum of

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the August 1967 really was

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the foundation of are boycotts

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an economically not just politically

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of Israel. Of course, we

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saw in the early seventies

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after the 1973 Yom Kippur

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War the real boycott of

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the Arab oil boycott of

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the West and all that

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sort of thing. So we're

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looking at dispute not just

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militarily but economic I'm really

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I was sort of a

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starting point for much of

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that for the entire North

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Africa and middle east region,

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but in the 1980s things

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really went as they say

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in a different direction in

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Sudan as it relations, not

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just to Israel, but the

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entire Middle East when the

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general Bashir took over the

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country in a coup interns

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Sudan into not just a

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confrontation state with his real

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meaning this actually sent soldiers

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to fight is real in

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Wars unlike the Emirates in

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Morocco and lock ring, but

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it also became a terrorist

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State and in the 1980s

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and into the 1990s, but

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sheer and Sudan welcomed and

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supported Al-Qaeda and and indeed

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Osama Bin Laden who lived

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in cartoon had businesses in

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Khartoum and was closely associated

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with the Bashar regime right

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into the 1990s. Now, how

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did I get involved in

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all this? Well, unfortunately because

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a lot of this is

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the nature of my practice

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on August 7th, 1998 Al

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Qaeda carried out to a

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suicide truck bombing of the

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American embassies in Nairobi Kenya

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and dar salaam, Tanzania hundreds

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of people were killed not

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just Americans but canyons and

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Tom's Indians and others and

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for many many years. I

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represented all the American victims

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and their families were killed

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in those attacks. Who did

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we Sue? We shoot Sudan

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because Sudan was designated a

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tasty as a state sponsor

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of terrorism that he made

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a formal legal and Regulatory

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term that allowed first Americans

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and then nine Americans who

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were employed by the US

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government to pursue Sudan and

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other countries like Libya Iran

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and others in federal court

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in Washington or damages and

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Sudan represented itself. There was

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a few years word with

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true representation, but it Major

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law firms eventually a white

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& case represented them as

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we got further along in

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the litigation and I was

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not the only Law Firm

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involved Gibson Dunn was involved

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on our side as mothers

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and we pursued sedan in

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federal court. We obtain judgments

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or its role in supporting

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Al-Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden

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in these attacks on our

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embassies. And eventually we obtained

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judgment the judgment to Rappel

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down a peel the cases

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went up to the US

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Supreme Court, which affirmed all

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the judgments sedan defending itself

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through White & case to

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the whole process and during

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this time meaning almost a

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20-year. Israel and Sudan we're

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effectively at war with each

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other because after Al-Qaeda and

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Osama Bin Laden kind of

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migrated from Sudan and Afghanistan,

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Iran started using Sudan as

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a base to transport weapons

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and missiles through Sudan through

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the very poorest Egyptian border

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with Sudan to supply weapons

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and missiles to Hamas in

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Gaza to Hezbollah in Lebanon

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and other terrorist groups in

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the region much to the

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dismay. Not just of Israel,

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but Egypt Jordan Saturdays and

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in many others during that

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timeframe the Israeli Air Force

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actually carried out Military raids

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on cartoon as recently as

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ten years ago and they

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didn't get a lot of

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attention in the press and

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when they happened a general

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this year in his regime

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tried to say all that

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was just a fire at

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a warehouse or a truck

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blew or something like that.

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And so we have a

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very different history here very

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different path of how Sudan

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eventually joined the abrahamic words

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and you say what how

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could a terrorist State account

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for Patient State even think

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about doing such a thing.

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Well, the lawsuits that we

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handled didn't just result in

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court judgements eventually after we

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had finished going all the

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way up to the US

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Supreme Court Sudan and we

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with the Diplomatic assistance of

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the Emirates and is real

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healthy us not only to

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get Sudan to settle our

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cases which they did they

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paid in a international bilateral

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settlement agreement between the United

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States in Sudan hundreds of

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millions of dollars in compensation

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to my clients and others

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who were pursuing them. It

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was a historic settlement. It

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was based very much on

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the model of the US

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Lydia settlement which was back

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in 2008. I was getting

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a little more depressed than

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than the Sudan settlement and

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we even had to go

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to Congress to get legislation

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to implement at this International.

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Settlement agreement it was during

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that process which was very

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intense as you can imagine

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a very politically crazy that

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Sudan agreed after a general

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Bashir had been thrown out

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of office which now sits

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in a Sudanese jail awaiting

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who knows what kind of

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legal consequences that the Sudanese

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government agreed that Sudan would

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join the Emirates and Morocco

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and rock rain in joining

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Abraham Accords why unlike the

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Emirates sedan doesn't have gas

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and oil and I'm like

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Morocco. It does not have

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a history of large numbers

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of Moroccan Jews moving to

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Israel or having a cap

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ties with Morocco unlike bakri.

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There isn't a US military

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base in Sudan that you

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know a place a major

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role in its in its

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decisions. Sudan didn't have any

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of these things. It does

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have one thing that's important

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to the Arab world and

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frankly important to Israel. It's

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a large agricultural country. It

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grows a lot of the

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crops. It has a lot

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of a cattle and livestock.

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It helps feed Saudi Arabia

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and the Gulf region and

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quite often as soon and

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we'll even though it's smaller

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than it used to be.

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Remember the bottom half of

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the country was broken off

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in the South Sudan over

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a dozen years ago. It's

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still a regional supplier of

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food and livestock mostly to

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the gulf in the Saudis

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to to Sudan having Israeli

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agricultural tech, which is some

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of the best in the

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world. I would have better

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conserve water resources had a

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better get yields from crops

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and livestock could make a

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tremendous difference to the people

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of Sudan in terms of

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how much food they have

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trying to reduce food scarcity

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and also helping Sudan increased

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its exports of agriculture. Text

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to its traditional up customers

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in the Middle East in

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the gulf. And so the

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Israelis were thrilled a to

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see if the state that

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have been a terrorist State

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and indeed a confrontation State

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become basically a partner for

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peace. If you will wear

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both parties, both States could

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benefit economically diplomatically and as

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most points into want to

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see both parties have to

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have benefits. Both parties have

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to see that their interests

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are served by engaging in

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this sort of thing. Now

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obviously Sudan is not as

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far along as the Emirates

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you won't see it short

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like we saw a minute

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ago. I from my colleagues

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about hundreds of thousands of

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Israelis traveling to cartoon as

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tourist, you will not see

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a chart showing billions of

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dollars of trade for High-Tech

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and medical and all that

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sort of thing. You won't

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see you at Daily flights

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from Tel Aviv to cartoon,

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we're not we're not there

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yet putting aside the terrible

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civil Strife that's going on

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in Sudan. What were hopeful

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though is that this is

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a roadmap for how estate

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which had been a confrontation

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stayed any terrorist State and

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overcome that history and try

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to reach out for common

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ground with Israel with the

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support of its Arab neighbors

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because Egypt and the Saudis

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and the Emirates and the

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jordanians were all very supportive

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of Sudan working with the

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context of the Abraham Accords

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in a way that would

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make sense for everyone in

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the region. Now, we don't

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know what the future holds

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in Sudan at. We're all

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praying that the strife that's

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going on right now can

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be the ended. Press reports

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have shown that representatives of

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Israel have been in cartoon

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talking to both sides in

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the Civil strife. And both

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sides have been meeting with

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Israeli representatives. And so hopefully

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Israel quietly and work with

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the Saudis can work with

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the Americans can work with

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other parties to bring Strife

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to an end and get

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Sudan back on track in

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its own unique way and

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its own very different way

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than the success story. We've

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seen with the Emirates in

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Morocco and it says Professor

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rights will know and show

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us in a minute. I

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even Lebanon Lebanon which is

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effectively controlled by Hezbollah and

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Iran game militarily and diplomatically

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and economically as somehow found

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a way to resolve the

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maritime border disputes to allow

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of the gas to be

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developed by Israel and Lebanon

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in other countries like Cypress.

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So if that can be

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done on a large scale

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between Lebanon and Israel and

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its own unique way certainly

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should damage is already taken

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steps to join the Abraham

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Accords can and hopefully Will

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a couple of years from

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now allow people to put

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up graphs that show progress

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between Israel and Sudan just

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like we've seen with others.

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So I hope that kind

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of summarizes things of this

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very unique path that the

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Sudan has taken and continues

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to take as part of

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the Abraham of Courts. Thank

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you, and anyone with questions,

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of course at the end,

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we're happy to to try

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to answer. Thank you. I

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was very interesting and then

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probably a much less well-known

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aspect of the average Abraham

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chords. Hopefully if we have

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a similar panel in a

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year or two or three

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we can talk about a

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few other interesting story about

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their path to it. over

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to you Thank you, sir.

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I'm going to share this

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presentation. I was supposed to

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be completely unrelated Israel's Ministry

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of justice has decided it

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is new to the job

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Wednesday truck model law on

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Commercial arbitration and that they

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have credited me for convincing

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them to do. So as

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to an article that I

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probably should bring along University

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and we hope we all

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hope that is going to

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go through Parliament and become

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law and that will make

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a big difference in Israel

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in in in in in

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in furthering International commercial arbitration

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in Israel. And Israel is

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servicing the seed for international.

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Commercial arbitration and hopefully that

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will happen soon. And I

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we already know how see

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many changes in in in

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in the local scene and

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be much more involved in

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this than being specializing in

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it more and more than

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we knew before so that

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was my time to is

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what you see here on

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the screened. Israel-lebanon Maritime border

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dispute and I think that

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also given a big contribution

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to stability in the region

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and then peace and indeed

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this agreement that was reached

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in October 20-22 just a

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few months ago for many

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many comes. First of all,

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I think it's probably the

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first Maritime boundary agreement ever

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in history that has been

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reached between countries that have

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no diplomatic relations and and

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every public confrontation States. They

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are still disputed border is

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called the Blue Line which

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is administered by the United

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Nation. But is there certain

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places were still disputed? Is

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it off the prince married

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time limitation agreement between adjacent

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space in East Mediterranean sea

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agreements between countries that are

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opposite each other on the

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other side of the Mediterranean

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Thursday Egypt and Cyprus and

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and it was read through

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indirect negotiation that were was

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meditating many United States is

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not arbitration, but it's just

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you said a man is

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really interesting interesting how this

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was John between two countries

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that won't even sit with

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each other so that they

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were basically sitting in two

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separate rooms and the US

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negotiate and mediator between them.

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And the agreement is not

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one agreement. It's actually to

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agree. It's to agreement won

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between Israel and United States

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and the other one which

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which obviously he's a country

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that you recognize each other

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and buy all together. They

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constitute an agreement between Israel

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and as you know, the

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Vienna convention on the law

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of treaties and article 21

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defines an international treaty that

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it can be prosecuted by

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one or two or more

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event is so here we

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fall in the second category

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of two agreements that together

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constitute one agreement between Israel

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and without them actually sitting

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together. That's kind of Unique

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never take so what what

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was the dispute about? So

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this is been going on

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since 2010 and in 2011,

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both countries submitted border claims

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to the UN, but they

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were conflicted. They weren't the

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same. So Israel, if you

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look at the map here,

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you can see that the

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border between Israel and and

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11 and he's called in

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Hebrew Russia me cry English

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the curragh and Ninety Degrees

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from the Baseline that goes

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along with bows and I

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did it hit the point

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here where you can see

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it and wife is American

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playing this point here is

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called .1 is it supposed

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to Lebanon which it submitted

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a claim with a line

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that goes more to the

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South and to another point

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point 25 and the book

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the end of this is

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basically the delimitation the border

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with Cypress because if we

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have deciphered that actually both

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Lebanon and Israel reached an

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agreement with snipers mind you

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the Lebanese agreement was only

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ever And ratified so it'll

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said you know in your

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agreement with you are so

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one as the point that

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appears on the maps of

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your delimitation agreement with Cyprus.

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So you basically considered that

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this is the point but

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then they let me see

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about this agreement was never

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ratified. So we we we

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don't agree with in this.

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A triangle that is created

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by these two disputed disputing.

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We have a total of

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856 km<sup>2</sup> much more and

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then they came up and

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said that we have this

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new idea that actually you

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should draw the line at

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the continuation of the land

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board so she can draw

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the line straight into the

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sea you can reach this

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but then they insisted that

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they have to go up

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a little bit playing but

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this everybody knew that this

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was kind of a manipulation

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part of this part of

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the negotiation. Israel has it

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here and it confirmed phone

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natural gas field called, which

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is now owned by the

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British company in a jam

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and it was supposed to

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start working in 2020 call

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the kind of prospect where

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there is a high chance

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to finding gas or though.

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It's not has been cleared

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yet. Another important thing to

00:50:56

know is that in 2003

00:50:58

Israel laid boys in the

00:51:04

water in order to delimit

00:51:08

the border the American border

00:51:13

between the borders of Lebanon.

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Why only 5 km because

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after I became sujeeth to

00:51:22

put voice that's what I

00:51:23

it was explained to me

00:51:25

now. When did this whole

00:51:29

thing starts because I'm really

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hurt and when when in

00:51:32

2020 Israel has bound to

00:51:35

stop developing the coverage feel

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and on the other hand

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Lebanon granted licenses in this

00:51:46

kind of prospect to International

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companies such as Thailand from

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Italy and part of it

00:51:54

was in the disputed Waters

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in their so-called exclusive economic

00:52:00

zone. And this is a

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big problem and also willing

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to put money into the

00:52:09

seats to the speaker expiration.

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If they don't have a

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disability and stability in knowing

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that this actually a table

00:52:19

or Lebanon has the authority

00:52:21

to give them license in

00:52:24

this area. They had these

00:52:28

their licenses and as a

00:52:31

result the United States the

00:52:33

efforts to mediate went into

00:52:35

a higher level than this

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was America American missionary. I'm

00:52:41

actually originally this ready and

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it was done in the

00:52:47

room and eventually the agreement

00:52:56

was signed in October 2022.

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How was it possible to

00:53:01

reach agreement? So I think

00:53:03

there was a bit of

00:53:04

last year that the situation

00:53:05

that they are very special

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at the time on the

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one hand. We had in

00:53:13

this temporary government government headed

00:53:16

by a man who had

00:53:19

maybe a month to go

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before the general election on

00:53:23

the 11th. economic situation blue

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the patient's catastrophic and steal

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it and be able to

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explore and making it be

00:53:34

fine and natural gas was

00:53:36

a big strain on a

00:53:37

ray of Hope for for

00:53:39

the Lebanese, but they couldn't

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do so as long as

00:53:43

this dude wasn't the fact

00:53:48

that the president was on

00:53:51

his last few weeks before

00:53:53

his term was over and

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I had to that also

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prevents the the starting of

00:54:04

drain gas from the curries

00:54:10

all these together all these

00:54:14

came together and made it

00:54:15

very very hurt him to

00:54:16

finish this and as a

00:54:18

result and the agreement First

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aid agreements were signed in

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October 2022. So what's your

00:54:37

boy line is the limiting

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the territorial Waters of the

00:54:42

party. But from then on

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from you know, there's a

00:54:47

question because the territorial waters

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are 12 nautical Mi out

00:54:55

of the territorial Waters Avenue

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limited to the north to

00:55:05

the South. At the mansion

00:55:09

by Lebanon and in fact

00:55:13

that raised a lot of

00:55:14

criticism within Israel by the

00:55:18

opposition which today is the

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governor government really good party

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and the other right-wing party

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that this was really a

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cell of this was the

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population by the more left-wing

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or Central leaning government because

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basically they accepted all of

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the demand that the government

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and what was he greet

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also what kind of prospects

00:56:02

will be explodes blighted under

00:56:05

Lebanese law so they will

00:56:06

grant a license. Israel will

00:56:10

retain economic rights according to

00:56:13

the park in his water

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so you can see here

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that there's like it's no

00:56:17

green triangle here. So they

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rebate and basically whatever if

00:56:22

there is found gas oil

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there whatever part is in

00:56:25

that green triangle. And in

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other words inside Israeli economic

00:56:32

zone is LaRue be entitled

00:56:35

to royalties on that agreement

00:56:44

between companies that will hopefully

00:56:53

find this guy and this

00:56:56

really got me mad again

00:56:57

under the auspices and help

00:57:01

and assistance of United States

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government and I should also

00:57:05

note that the United States

00:57:06

government has also granted I

00:57:09

can guarantee to Israel did

00:57:17

this will be an honor

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that agreement would be honored

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and and not at least

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remains Israeli, of course and

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there is a dispute settlement

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provision in the agreement, but

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it's not it's not a

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definite one dispute will be

00:57:41

resolved through discussion facilitated by

00:57:44

the United States showing potential

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Theory we could have in

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here and it serious No

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finding a mechanism to resolve

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it. I hope we won't

00:58:01

get there and let the

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u.s. Involvement here. We'll we'll

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solve this probably just brought

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us to this agreement important

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because it really provides the

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necessary stability for gas and

00:58:24

oil exploration in the Eastern

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Mediterranean a potential for military

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clashes terrorism has been decrease

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the disagreement. As I said,

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we should a man together

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with the Abraham Accord. I

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think he paves the way

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for involvement of more more

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energy corporation. Brighten, but I

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think this pissed as a

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way for more of it

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and already now. We know

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that there is an company

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from Abu Dhabi which is

00:59:00  
interested in entering there is

00:59:03  
really racing in market and

00:59:10  
Corporation. And of course, I

00:59:20  
think also that in the

00:59:21  
end of the day it

00:59:22  
is in his interest because

00:59:29  
it could free them from

00:59:31  
the control that would mention

00:59:33  
before other people are not

00:59:36  
freezing, but maybe the control

00:59:39  
that. Animals are the future

01:00:00  
remind me to pave the

01:00:01  
way for some kind of

01:00:02

peace between Israel and Lebanon.

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And again, I would be

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happy to answer any questions

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you have about this ring.

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Thank you. Don't think I've

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seen questions from the audience

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all still. Is there anything

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either of you want to

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add? About how many things

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we've been discussing here staying

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the only thing I would

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add and it comes through

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on this presentation and others

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we've done is that it's

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not one-size-fits-all when it comes

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to Israel and its neighbors

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in the North Africa Middle

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East Gulf region as Professor

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right just pointed out Lebanon,

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which is maybe the ultimate

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confrontation State de facto with

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Israel at the moment cuz

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of his bullet even they

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were able to put together.

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What could be a multibillion-dollar

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economic Arrangement. I'll be a

01:01:01

non-traditional the way Sudan got

01:01:04  
their non-traditional and I think

01:01:07  
the take away from here

01:01:08  
is as as wonderful as

01:01:10  
we see the charts with

01:01:11  
the the Emirates and tourism

01:01:13  
and trade and then we

01:01:15  
know Morocco by cranor on

01:01:17  
that path when Sudan and

01:01:19  
Lebanon in their own unique

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ways and find a path

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forward either for political or

01:01:24  
economic. Reasons to find ways

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that are not involving soldiers

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and airplanes and bombings and

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killings to resolve disputes the

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better and that's where the

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lawyers and the economic people

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and experts like those who

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are participating in these conferences

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can really help the process

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for peace in the constructive

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and positive way. I think

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that's the takeaway from all

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of this and it's not

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one-size-fits-all. Thank you. So I

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I agree with that. I

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think that's really interesting. I

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re-read following their Publications and

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I read again before today

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the 2022 annual report of

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the Abraham Accords peace Institute,

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which is interesting and goes

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through the the different states

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and and I which one

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is a bit different than

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it actually rang the strength

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of the peace within the

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Abraham Accords countries by by

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its relative strength. So strong

01:02:28

as it quits excetera, and

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they also discusses interesting the

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specs for the states in

01:02:36

the Middle East and Northern

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Africa southeast Asia, so interested

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in reading more and then

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seeing the Diplomatic people to

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people and other aspects of

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a disconcertingly read that report

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and then Just station again,

01:03:01

no connection to the LinkedIn

01:03:05

and other pages of the

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Diplomatic missions of the different

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countries. When do I call

01:03:09

for Napoli's really missions to

01:03:11

Abu Dhabi and Dubai and

01:03:12

then the information date they

01:03:14

post is is always interesting.

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So unless you have anything

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else from the panelists or

01:03:25

from the audience? I'll turn

01:03:28

it over to the organizers.

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Gian Maria other two kind

01:03:34

of guide us going forward.

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Thank you very much. Well,

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thanks very much that that's

01:03:40

being a fantastic panel. Actually.

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I had a few questions

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I could interject. We got

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a couple of more minutes.

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What are the prospects for

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additional countries to join the

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acorda? I know there's being

01:03:55

you know, a lot of

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frankly economic activity in the

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region. Certainly Saudi Arabia Kuwait's

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R potential candidates as well.

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And of course arbitration has

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has been on an incredible

01:04:13

growth rate. What do you

01:04:17

think that the prospects are

01:04:20

for for those other Gulf

01:04:21

countries to to join? Paul

01:04:24

Murray So is it around

01:04:29

I think the middle of

01:04:32

last year that was Stronger.

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It was about to join

01:04:35

a wire that would be

01:04:40

massive. Obviously if I understand

01:04:52

this this obvious all looking

01:04:56

as something less. I think

01:05:00

it may be a laundry

01:05:01

from Israel. UAE Wichita pagoda-style

01:05:06

the lawn when I think

01:05:07

I need to secure the

01:05:09

information as well again, I

01:05:11

think I've been hanging out

01:05:15

with huge again. So I

01:05:17

think it's more like he's

01:05:20

in the body today than

01:05:21

a full gold on PC

01:05:23

and then Surprise amount of

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Mega is looking at that

01:05:31

soon. Yeah, I don't know.

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I don't think there are

01:05:36

any anyone who's anyone else

01:05:40

a way to write it

01:05:41

already. You kind of need

01:05:53

the right constellation of situation

01:05:55

at the prison happen. I

01:05:59

mean obviously Saudi Arabia is

01:06:02

the great price out there

01:06:03

when I bring the cord

01:06:05

and it's been a lot

01:06:06

of talk about it right

01:06:11

now to bend them partly

01:06:16

because of the right-wing government

01:06:20

that we have now Israel

01:06:22

and which is received. Three

01:06:29

Men Without Hats statements that

01:06:34

are problematic for a country

01:06:36

such as hell and back

01:06:46

again things can change some

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point in the future and

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won the right circumstances during

01:06:55

play Dreamin is raised and

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usually once it's their situation

01:07:04

changes and there are also

01:07:09

other big Sonic stay with

01:07:15

potential acting again in the

01:07:20

right circumstances such as Indonesia,

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maybe even a lazy although

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maybe Pakistan right now, that

01:07:36

would be now travel from

01:07:40

Israel. And yeah and let

01:07:49  
me just say I had

01:07:50  
to say is all correct

01:07:52  
one of the things instead

01:07:55  
of just saying what when

01:07:55  
is Saturday going to sign

01:07:56  
the abrahamic words? I think

01:07:57  
that's that's not the right

01:07:58  
question to ask it what's

01:08:01  
going on. Now that is

01:08:02  
building the framework the foundation

01:08:05  
for Saturday and others but

01:08:07  
Saturday particular and it's the

01:08:09  
small steps that are going

01:08:11

on either inform. We are

01:08:12

behind the scenes that create

01:08:15

the infrastructure that would allow

01:08:17

me to do it when

01:08:18

quote the stars are aligned

01:08:19

is already says there is

01:08:21

extensive security cooperation between Israel

01:08:25

and Saturday already. This is

01:08:27

been reported publicly there is

01:08:29

extensive. So I'll call it

01:08:32

under the table economic exchange

01:08:35

is going on between Israel

01:08:37

and the Saturday Israeli technology

01:08:39

is showing up in Saudi

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Arabia. I'll just not directly

01:08:42

indirectly going through third parties.

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So you're seeing that just

01:08:47

this week. It's been revealed

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that the Saudis may allow

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the Israeli Arabs Muslim to

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travel directly from Ben Gurion

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Airport to Mecca and Medina

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the hot which would be

01:09:02

a very significant thing when

01:09:05

you see partial steps just

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like when gutter allowed direct

01:09:08

flights of soccer fans football

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fans from Tel Aviv to

01:09:11

Doha. Last year for the

01:09:13

World Cup. So I think

01:09:14

you're more likely to see

01:09:16

step by step rather than

01:09:19

a dramatic Abraham Accords that

01:09:21

type of a signing ceremony.

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If you will that's going

01:09:24

to have to wait for

01:09:25

what my friend already says

01:09:26

that the political stars have

01:09:28

to be aligned in all

01:09:29

the parties for that to

01:09:31  
happen. The last thing I'll

01:09:33  
say is the de-facto ruler

01:09:34  
of the Saturday mds's use

01:09:37  
call themselves, then tell them

01:09:39  
he said just this week

01:09:40  
we're prepared to move ahead

01:09:42  
with his real but you

01:09:43  
know, we think the palestinian-israeli

01:09:45  
issue needs to be resolved

01:09:46  
now in the past and

01:09:49  
frankly, I think today that's

01:09:51  
a fig leaf that is

01:09:52  
a political statement that use

01:09:55

to justify going slow even

01:09:58

while shouting and Israel are

01:09:59

engaged in a substance of

01:10:01

exchanges. And so I think

01:10:03

a lot of things have

01:10:04

to happen step by step

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over the next maybe a

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couple of years not just

01:10:09

in Israel politically, you know,

01:10:11

will this government Survivor and

01:10:12

But also what happens in

01:10:14

Saturday what happens around the

01:10:15

world what what role is

01:10:16

a ran playing and I

01:10:17

would Saturday in Iran taking

01:10:19

baby steps towards each other

01:10:20

to reduce their attentions. All

01:10:22

of those things will be

01:10:24

taken into account by the

01:10:26

time that Saturday and Israel

01:10:28

may be able to announce

01:10:29

the naval now entering into

01:10:32

the Abraham record. So we'll

01:10:33

see what happens. We can

01:10:35

all pray that it goes

01:10:35

to the path a positive

01:10:38

development and not negative. I

01:10:48

see we have a question

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in the chat whether there

01:10:50

is any lesson from the

01:10:52

abrahamic or that can be

01:10:53

used to end Russia Ukraine

01:10:54

different situation. I will take

01:11:01

cuz they're we're in the

01:11:02

middle of the war and

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that was mentioned it before

01:11:04

but I knew there was

01:11:06

never any War behind the

01:11:15

scene. Here is a personal

01:11:18

pronoun and it's it's a

01:11:29

lot of matter of prestige

01:11:31

going on there in the

01:11:32

nationalism. You can see that

01:11:37

it has. Not being very

01:11:41

successful. Successful in the track

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and I I don't know

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what it would take very

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long time that to happen

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as is now in place

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and there maybe maybe somebody

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else this time take on

01:11:56

that. I completely agree with

01:11:59

that. I can just very

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little perilous to draw. Maybe

01:12:02

the only thing is that

01:12:04

the importance of a strong

01:12:06

relevant third-party mediator to help

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Drive the long neck progress,

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which is surprisingly Israel try

01:12:22

to take that role early

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on in that conflict. But

01:12:25

I think that and is

01:12:26

less of the situation more

01:12:31

recently. So maybe I can

01:12:34

do the only one pair

01:12:36

of parallel but less than

01:12:38

that anything you can see

01:12:39  
from the abrahamic words, but

01:12:41  
other than that, I think

01:12:41  
I agree. It is a

01:12:43  
very very different situations. It's

01:12:45  
the reason I called the

01:12:46  
reverse Abraham Accords. There are

01:12:48  
bits between Ukraine and Russia

01:12:50  
are they had filled them

01:12:52  
attic relations. They were closed

01:12:53  
culturally economically language ways. I

01:12:56  
mean, sorry. Do it. It's

01:12:58  
the complete reversal of the

01:12:59  
abrahamic words like it, you

01:13:00

know, it's like an alternative

01:13:01

universe. But but the lesson

01:13:04

from the abrahamic words is

01:13:05

that former enemies can find

01:13:08

ways to work together. And

01:13:11

that's that's the most important

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of you were talking big

01:13:13

picture dispute resolution a text

01:13:15

message to take away. Well,

01:13:19

maybe maybe on that note.

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We've come to the end

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of our time and I

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wanted to thank near and

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Ari and Stu and Paul

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for this excellent and in

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light and lightning panel arbitration

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in the Middle East and

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North Africa and Israel. It

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has grown rapidly over the

01:13:42

last 10 15 years of

01:13:45

the economic activities that have

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now occurred over the last

01:13:52

few years between Israel and

01:13:54

and many of its former

01:13:56

antagonist is is hardening in

01:14:02

a world that in many

01:14:04

places. It continues to still

01:14:06  
be hostile. It's it's a

01:14:10  
great lesson for all of

01:14:11  
us and it was this

01:14:14  
was a great panel to

01:14:15  
start off this week, and

01:14:17  
we're Arbitration update and we're

01:14:23  
going to have another panel

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at the top of the

01:14:25  
hour titled the other protocol

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on investment of the African

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Continental free-trade area usmca in

01:14:33  
new generation of investment treaties

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by region, and I invite

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everyone to come back at

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the top of the hour

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right now. We are going

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to break out into a

01:14:44

discussion rooms as one of

01:14:47

the features of world arbitration

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update. We like to provide

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a little bit of networking.

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So those of you want

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to stay on in and

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have a chat with some

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of your colleagues will provide

01:14:57

that opportunity, but otherwise, we'll

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see you at the next

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session and thanks again to

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our panelists and moderator for

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