

## **Foresight?**

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Could the Palestinians and their allies have been emboldened by the current Western alliance discomfiture in Eastern Europe, which exposed not only blatant weaknesses, division, arrogance, hubris, and sheer incompetence, but also the irrationality of punitive policies which harmed the castigator considerably more than the castigated?

Probably so, and it would be regrettable if imperious but irresponsible Western assertiveness finally resulted in a general conflict which would encompass not only Russia and the West but also China, Taiwan, Israel, and the whole Muslim world.

Clearly not a case of staggering foresight on our part.