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**The Critical Role Of France In The Building Of A Post-Islamist Muslim World**

How to face growing insecurity in the Middle East and Africa, with an unclear relationship between USA and Wahhabism, a European Union stricken down by the migrants’ crisis, a neurotic Germany, a disunited United Kingdom waving away? At the military level, France is the only Western power able and willing to contain and roll back the Djihadist tide in the Sahel and more southward. During her History, France was an active cultural and political interface with the Turkish-Arab-Muslim world. Despite her present political submissiveness, her military capacity endures, as well as do its analytical, critical and innovative abilities. This paper brings plenty of evidence that France’s resilience could help the continent through its present identity crisis, if she built a new partnership with Russia.