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## Is a pan-Islamic foreign policy possible? What are the possible obstacles and what might facilitate its emergence?

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