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Today's newsletter looks at the latest attack on an Orthodox Jew in the city of Zurich, the ambivalent stance of Arab states towards Israel's military power, and Western paternalism towards the Palestinians.

Today's topics

Shared responsibility. Only the courageous intervention of passers-by prevented something worse when an Orthodox Jew was the victim of an antisemitic attack in the city of Zurich on 2 February. The perpetrator is a Kosovar. But those who share responsibility for the act also include the judges of the Federal Administrative Court, the city authorities, left-wing and Green politicians, and those responsible for Zurich's universities and their supervisory bodies. [Not only the perpetrator is to blame for the new act of anti-Semitic terrorism in Zurich - FokusIsrael](#)

Military and protective power. Eight decades of military defeats against Israel have severely damaged Arab self-esteem. By stoking hatred of the Jewish state, rulers in the Arab world try to distract from their own failures. At the same time, however, they are grateful for Israel's military strength, because it also benefits them in the face of their shared arch-enemy Iran. Arab political analyst Mohamed Diwan

sheds light on the history and background of this dilemma. [The dilemma of Arab governments with Israel's military strength - FokusIsrael](#)

Western paternalism. The Western left in particular repeatedly claims that Israel alone is to blame for the Palestinians' suffering. This narrative reduces Palestinians to helpless children and denies them any personal responsibility, criticises author Jan Kapusnak. Here is Part 1 of his analysis (Part 2 follows next week): [When the West Treats Palestinians as Minors, Part I - FokusIsrael](#)

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