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- 1 This study is based on the hypothesis that the world after the end of Cold War is on the way to a multipolar international system within which the Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan), tied together by « many societal, economic, political, military/security, and geographical factors », form a distinct security complex. For the time being, the weaknesses of these states make them vulnerable to foreign powers that seek to dominate Central Asia, namely three rivals : Russia, Iran, and Turkey. This hypothesis basically turns out to be also the result of the author's investigations and discussions. It is achieved by filling various data and 'informations' plus own reasoning into the categories of Barry Buzan 's concept of « security complex » (id., *People, States, and Fear*, 2nd ed., New York, 1991). Peimani, by the way, in his study obviously prefers matters of Iran to those of Turkey, Russia poses as a kind of necessary evil.

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