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Iran's Bad Faith Behavior

Iran has ramped up its malign efforts to destabilize the Middle East. In conjunction with Russian forces, Iran has its increased support for Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad. Hundreds of Iranian troops are now on the ground in Syria and Russian cruise missiles are flying over Iran to strike anti-Assad forces. On Sept. 30, Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps was reportedly caught sponsoring a bomb-making ring in Bahrain and attempting to smuggle weapons to Houthi rebels in Yemen. Despite reaching a nuclear accord with the P5 + 1, Tehran's actions show that it remains committed to its terrorist ambitions.

[Gen. Campbell: Iran is Arming the Taliban](#)
The Washington Free Beacon – Blake Seitz
Oct. 6, 2015

On Oct. 5, the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, Gen. John Campbell, stated that Iran is supplying the Taliban with weapons and money. “At this level, I can tell you we have some reports that Iran has provided money, weapons—mostly in the west, in the Herat area—to the Taliban to fight Daesh [Islamic State],” Campbell said.

[Assad allies, including Iranians, prepare ground attack in Syria: sources](#)
Reuters – Laila Bassam
Oct. 1, 2015

Hundreds of Iranian troops have arrived in Syria in the last 10 days. They will join government forces and their Lebanese Hezbollah allies in a major ground offensive backed by Russian air strikes to shore up Bashar al-Assad's rule, according to Lebanese sources.

[Bahrain says uncovers large bomb-making factory](#)
Reuters
Sept. 30, 2015

Bahraini security forces have discovered a large bomb-making factory and arrested a number of suspects linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guards, said the Bahraini interior ministry. Bahrain, which houses the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet, frequently accuses Iran of fomenting unrest and harboring hegemonic aims over the small nation.

[Weapons bound for Yemen seized on Iranian boat: coalition](#)

Reuters – William Maclean
Sept. 30, 2015

Saudi-led coalition forces announced that they seized an Iranian fishing boat loaded with weapons attempting to supply Houthi fighters in Yemen. The Iranian smuggling attempt represents the latest Iranian violation of the arms embargo imposed on it by United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231.

[Iran's president blames U.S. for Middle East violence](#)

The Washington Post – Carol Morello
Sept. 29, 2015

“If not for the U.S. military invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq, and its unwarranted support for the inhumane actions of the Zionist regime against the oppressed nation of Palestine, today the terrorists would not have an excuse for the justification of their crimes,” said Iran’s President Hassan Rouhani while addressing the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 28.

[Russia, Iran Seen Coordinating on Defense of Assad Regime in Syria](#)

The Wall Street Journal – Jay Solomon and Sam Dagher
Sept. 21, 2015

Russia and Iran have stepped up coordination inside Syria as they move to safeguard President Bashar al-Assad’s control over his coastal stronghold, according to officials in the U.S. and Middle East.

[Boosted by nuke deal, Iran ups funding to Hezbollah, Hamas](#)

The Times of Israel – Avi Isacharoff
Sept. 21, 2015

Anticipating a massive sanctions relief windfall, Iran has already begun increasing its financial support to terrorist organizations Hamas and Hezbollah, reports the Times of Israel. Al-Rai, a Kuwaiti newspaper, reported that Hezbollah recently purchased advanced weapons previously unaffordable to them.