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No Signs of Iranian Moderation

Iran continues to violate international law and destabilize the Middle East despite the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. In recent weeks, Tehran has stepped up its support for terrorism, violated the U.N. arms embargo and rejected America's invitation to play a responsible role in ending the Syrian civil war. Iran has arrested another U.S. citizen and taken a U.S. permanent resident into custody. Instead of welcoming Washington's outstretched hand, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has again condemned America. The United States must continue to oppose Iran's extremist behavior and support its Middle East allies who confront Iranian threats on a daily basis.

[Iran Officially Marks 36 Years of Loathing for U.S.](#)

CBS News

Nov. 4, 2015

Thousands of Iranians burned the American flag and chanted slogans including "Death to America" on Nov. 4 as they marked the anniversary of the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran by militant students 36 years ago.



Demonstrators in Tehran burn U.S. flags during a Nov. 4, 2015 rally marking the 36th anniversary of the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Iran.

[Iranian-American Executive Arrested in Iran](#)

The Wall Street Journal – Farnaz Fassihi and Jay Solomon

Oct. 29, 2015

Iranian security forces aligned with the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) arrested Iranian-American oil executive Siamak Namazi as he was visiting relatives in Tehran. This arrest is part of a broader intimidation effort against Iranian businessmen with links to foreign companies whom the IRGC fear may interfere with its economic monopolies. Namazi is the fourth American citizen to be detained by Iran since August 2011.

[Iran State Media Claims Another U.S. Spy Arrested](#)

Reuters

Nov. 3, 2015

Iranian state television on Nov. 3 claimed that a Washington-based Lebanese citizen missing in Tehran since September is actually an American spy now in the custody of authorities.

[U.S. Detects Flurry of Iranian Hacking](#)

The Wall Street Journal

Nov. 4, 2015

Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard military force hacked email and social-media accounts of Obama administration officials in recent weeks in attacks believed to be tied to the arrest in Tehran of an Iranian-American businessman, U.S. officials said.

[Khamenei: Regional instability Caused by U.S. Support for Israel, Terror Groups](#)

The Times of Israel – Raoul Wootliff and Agence France Presse

Nov. 1, 2015

In a fiery foreign policy speech, Supreme Leader Khamenei discounted negotiations over the fate of Syria and blasted the idea of cooperation with the United States. "The main factor of insecurity in the region is U.S. support for the Zionist regime and terrorist groups," said Khamenei. "The Americans seek to impose their own interests, not solve problems. They want to impose 60, 70 percent of their will in negotiations. So what's the point of negotiations?" Iran seeks to ensure the survival of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad.

[Bahrain Says Foils Plans For Attack by Iran-Linked Terrorist Group](#)

Reuters

Nov. 4, 2015

On Nov. 4, Bahrain said it arrested 47 members of a group believed to have links to "terrorist elements in Iran" and who were planning to carry out attacks in the immediate future. A Bahraini Interior Ministry statement said a large number of explosives and weapons had been found in secret caches in residential areas of several villages.

[Russia Flying Iranian Weapons Shipments Into Syria, Sources Say](#)

Foxnews.com – Jennifer Griffin

Oct. 28, 2015

Iran, with Russia's assistance, has violated a U.N.-imposed arms embargo by delivering weapons to the Assad regime in Syria, according to Western intelligence sources. Over a 10-day period in October, these sources reported that Russian cargo planes transported Iranian weaponry into Syria twice daily.

[U.N. Rights Investigator Highly Critical of Iran](#)

The New York Times – Rick Gladstone

Oct. 27, 2015

The U.N. recently released a report highly critical of Iran's human rights record. Despite President Hassan Rouhani's promises of moderation, Iran has shown no signs of improving the human rights of Iranian citizens. According to the report, at least 694 Iranians have been executed this year, mostly for non-violent drug offenses, making Iran the world's most prolific user of the death penalty per capita.



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