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Iran's Ballistic Missile Test Violates International Law

On Oct. 11, Iran violated United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2231 by test-firing the Emad, a new long-range ballistic missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead. Iran is prohibited under the Security Council resolution—the highest form of international law—from undertaking any activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons. According to the U.S. intelligence community, Iran is currently developing intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM) capable of striking the United States. On Aug. 22, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani explicitly declared Iran's intention to continue ignoring international law stating, "We will buy, sell, and develop any weapons we need and we will not ask for permission or abide by any resolution for that."