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United States Imposes New Sanctions on Entities Tied to Iran's Ballistic Missile Program

On March 21, the U.S. State Department imposed sanctions on 30 foreign entities and individuals in 10 countries pursuant to the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act (INKSNA). Of the total, 11 entities and individuals from China, North Korea and the United Arab Emirates were specifically sanctioned for transfers of sensitive items to Iran's ballistic missile program. According to the State Department, "Iran's proliferation of missile technology significantly contributes to regional tension and instability...As an example, we have seen indications Iran is providing missile support to the Houthis in Yemen. This destabilizing activity only serves to escalate regional conflicts further and poses a significant threat to regional security. We will continue to take steps to address Iran's missile development and production and sanction entities and individuals involved in supporting these programs under U.S. law. The imposition of sanctions against these eleven foreign entities is a continuation of our commitment to hold Iran accountable for its actions."