

Iran seeks 'single front' against US and Israel from Syria-Iraq - analysis

Iran now harnesses militias in Iraq and Syria and, alongside the Houthis in Yemen and Hezbollah in Lebanon, carries out a series of increasing threats against the US and Israel.

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Iran is seeking to unify even more fronts against Israel and the US, Tasnim News, Iranian pro-regime and IRGC-linked media, reported on Tuesday, saying that Iranian-backed groups in Iraq and Syria have been increasing their attacks on US forces, and as such are seeking a “single front and are targeting American and Israeli bases with synergy.”

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At the **Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)** researchers have also noted the Iranian increase in threats: “Iran increases the pressure on the US to stop the war in Gaza,” INSS researcher **Sima Shine** wrote. “Since the beginning of the war, the Iranian political elite has engaged in an extensive global diplomatic campaign, unusual in its intensity and scope, to curb the war in Gaza. The goal is to ensure the victory image of Hamas and allow it to remain in power in the Strip.”

The report continues: “Iran quickly realized that its diplomatic pressure in the regional and international arena was not enough to stop the war, and that it also had no direct leverage over Israel beyond what already existed, i.e. attacks by Hezbollah and the Houthis...”

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