

U.S.: New Counterterrorism Strategy Singles Out Iran

What Happened: The White House published an updated counterterrorism strategy on Oct. 4 that focuses heavily on Iran and its support for proxies in the Middle East. The document mentions Iran 10 times, placing significantly more focus on the Islamic republic than any other country.

Why It Matters: The newly published strategy reflects the White House's focused push to contain Iranian political influence, military activity and economic links to militant groups. In addition, the document highlights the United States' goal to share the burden of counterterrorism operations with regional partners.

Background: Many of the logistics in the new counterterrorism strategy are the same as those of the previous administration, as it focuses on curbing terrorism by limiting terrorist access to financing and preventing weapons from falling into terrorist hands.

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