Israel 31 August

The National Security Council Counter-Terrorism Division issued a travel warning in which it assessed that “Iran still constitutes the main global terrorist threat and is continuing to promote attacks on Israeli nationals around the world both directly and via proxies that it operates”. It further noted that “Iranian terrorists are continuing their attempts to contact Israeli nationals, in Israel and abroad, under business covers or by impersonating other elements, in order to attack or abduct them. Several Iranian attempts to attack Israeli and Jewish targets have been thwarted in the past year”. “Countries in proximity to Iran (such as Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkey and the Kurdish area), the Mediterranean Sea basin, Africa and Latin America” were identified as being particularly high risk.

Tehran 31 August

The defence ministry reported foiling what was billed as an Israeli “sabotage plot”, claiming that “a network of Mossad agents sought to introduce defective parts into the production of advanced missiles”.

Tehran 30 August

The intelligence ministry announced uncovering what it claimed was “a number of terrorist cells affiliated with the Israeli regime in four provinces”; fourteen individuals were arrested and explosives, including “43 powerful ready-to-detonate bombs” were said to have been seized.

Tehran 30 August

Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei emphasised that “we should not have conflicts with any of our neighbors. If there is a conflict, it should be turned into cooperation. Certain steps have been taken in this regard, and this needs to be continued”. He further noted that “work is being done to terminate the sanctions, and negotiations are taking place. This is the right thing to do and good. But at the same time, there should be effort made parallel to these measures to neutralise the sanctions”.

Tehran/Golan/ MERV 30 August

During a visit to Damascus, Iran’s foreign minister denounced Israeli strikes in Syria and asserted that “no acts of aggression and crimes by the Zionist regime have gone unanswered and nor will it in the future”. He further called on U.S. forces “to return home and we advise the American authorities to leave the region to the people of the region”.