Iraq 12 September

Foreign Minister Fuad Hussein announced that “based on the agreement between Iraq and Iran, necessary measures were taken to remove [Iranian Kurdish separatist] groups from the border areas and they were housed in camps deep inside Iraqi Kurdistan”, adding: “We will discuss with the Iranian side not to threaten to use violence and not to threaten to attack some areas in the Kurdistan region of Iraq”.

Washington 12 September

The U.S. representative told the IAEA Board of Governors that “Iran continues to expand its nuclear program far beyond JCPOA limits... Although we note that Iran's reduction in its production rate of uranium enriched to 60 percent, we once again call on Iran to halt all such production”. She also highlighted that “Iran's level of [safeguards] cooperation remains significantly lacking overall, and far short of the expectations outlined by the Board last November and the Director General in the March 4 Joint Statement”.

Washington/Lebanon 12 September

The U.S. sanctioned seven individuals and entities described as “key Hizbollah operatives and financial facilitators in South America and Lebanon network”.

Washington 11 September

A U.S. diplomatic spokesperson confirmed that “the U.S. has agreed to allow the transfer of funds from South Korea to restricted accounts held in financial institutions in Qatar and the release of five Iranian nationals currently detained in the U.S. to facilitate the release of five U.S. citizens detained in Iran”. The following day, President Raisi claimed that the “money belongs to the Iranian people, the Iranian government, so the Islamic Republic of Iran will decide what to do with this money”; a U.S. spokesperson countered that “the money can only be used for humanitarian purposes and we will remain vigilant in watching the spending of those funds and have the ability to freeze them again if we need to”.