Hormuz/Bab/Washington 28 September

U.S. Naval Forces Central Command announced that the previous day, “Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy (IRGCN) interacted in an unsafe and unprofessional manner with a U.S. AH-1Z Viper attack helicopter… as the aircraft was conducting routine operations in the international airspace of the Arabian Gulf”, adding: “IRGCN vessels shone a laser multiple times at the aircraft while in flight. Fortunately, no injuries were reported and the aircraft was not damaged”.

Israel 28 September

Defence Minister Yoav Gallant contended that “in the face of Iranian aggression, we must prioritize security readiness and capabilities, as well as bold actions by the international community… The Iranian drones that kill innocent civilians around the world are just the promo for what we will see, if the missile embargo on Iran expires in a month”. “Iran will have freedom of action to deploy advanced missiles, alongside its race to obtain military nuclear weapons. In the face of Iranian aggression, the international community must take significant actions”, he added.

Tehran 27 September

Citing Prime Minister Netanyahu saying “Iran must face a credible nuclear threat”, which his office had corrected as a “credible military threat”, Iran’s UN ambassador wrote to the General Assembly and Security Council to denounce “the Israeli regime’s perilous threat to use nuclear weapons against Iran”, affirming Iran’s “legitimate and inherent rights… to respond resolutely to any threats and unlawful acts”.