Israel/Lebanon/Golan/Yemen 27 October

The Israeli military reported that Hizbollah had fired anti-tank guided missiles and small arms; no casualties were reported. The IDF responded with artillery at the origin sites. The same day, it announced foiling “an aerial threat” over the Red Sea, as Israeli officials indicated that a missile that had struck Egypt had been “launched towards Israel by the Huthis”.

Washington 27 October

The U.S. sanctioned a Jordanian national described as a “longtime Hamas member who currently lives in Tehran serving as Hamas’ representative to Iran”, in addition to three IRGC members and “a Gaza-based entity that has served as a conduit for illicit Iranian funds to Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)”. “Today’s designations”, the Treasury Department noted, “underscore the critical role Iran plays in providing financial, logistical, and operational support to Hamas”.

Israel/Golan/Lebanon 26 October

The Israeli military struck with a UAV what it said were Hizbollah forces preparing to fire anti-tank missiles towards Israeli forces.

Tehran 26 October

Foreign Minister Amirabdollahian, addressing the UN General Assembly, stated: “I say frankly to the American statesmen and military forces who are now managing the genocide in Palestine, that we do not welcome the expansion and scope of the war in the region, but I warn if the genocide in Gaza continues, they will not be spared from this fire… We do not compromise with any party and any side and have no reservations when it comes to our home’s security”. The following day, he noted that “the resistance in Lebanon and also the Palestinian groups… have their finger on the trigger”, adding: “If this situation continues and women and children and civilians are still killed in Gaza and the West Bank, anything will be possible… They have their own calculations for their own security, and as I’ve said they decide for themselves”.

Washington/Iraq/Tanf 26 October

A Pentagon spokesperson confirmed an attack “against U.S. forces at Erbil airbase in Iraq that was unsuccessful. No casualties, some minor damage to infrastructure”. He further said that the groups that had been targeting U.S. forces in Iraq and Syria were “affiliated with Iran”, while reporting the deployment of around 900 additional U.S. troops to the Middle East.
Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin announced that “U.S. military forces conducted self-defence strikes on two facilities in eastern Syria used by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and affiliated groups. These precision self-defence strikes are a response to a series of ongoing and mostly unsuccessful attacks against U.S. personnel in Iraq and Syria by Iranian-backed militia groups that began on October 17”. He further emphasised: “The U.S. does not seek conflict and has no intention nor desire to engage in further hostilities, but these Iranian-backed attacks against U.S. forces are unacceptable and must stop… If attacks by Iran’s proxies against U.S. forces continue, we will not hesitate to take further necessary measures to protect our people.” “These narrowly tailored [U.S] strikes… are separate and distinct from the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, and do not constitute a shift in our approach to the Israel-Hamas conflict”, Austin added. “We continue to urge all state and non-state entities not to take action that would escalate into a broader regional conflict”.

Washington/Tanf/MERV/Iraq 26 October