The U.S., in coordination with Bahrain, designated what it described as “key Iran-based operatives and a financial facilitator for designated terrorist group Al-Ashtar Brigades”.

Defence Minister Yoav Gallant warned of a potential “increase in terror during Ramadan”, asserting: “Iran is working to up the severity of attacks by smuggling in many weapons”.

The Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community for 2024 asserted that “Iran will continue to threaten U.S. interests, allies and influence in the Middle East and intends to entrench its emergent status as a regional power while minimising threats to the regime and the risk of direct military conflict”. Among the report’s findings were that “Iran is not currently undertaking the key nuclear weapons-development activities necessary to produce a testable nuclear device”.

CENTCOM reported that “Iranian-backed Houthi terrorists fired two anti-ship ballistic missiles from Houthi-controlled areas of into the Red Sea toward merchant vessel Pinocchio, a Singaporean-owned, Liberian-flagged ship. The missiles did not impact the vessel and there were no injuries or damage reported”. CENTCOM also carried out “six self-defence strikes destroying an unmanned underwater vessel and eighteen anti-ship missiles in Houthi controlled areas of Yemen”.