

Israel/Golan/MERV/Tehran 26 March

Syrian state media <u>reported</u> what it alleged were U.S. strikes against several targets, including military sites, in the Deir al-Zor region, causing tens of casualties. Israeli media <u>reported</u> that Israel had been "targeting Iranian assets and operatives involved in a recent <u>plot</u> to smuggle advanced arms to West Bank terrorists"; Iranian media <u>reported</u> the death of an IRGC "military advisor".

Tehran/Israel 26 March

Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei met with senior Hamas officials in Tehran, praising what he described as the "exceptional resistance demonstrated by the Palestinian Resistance forces" against "the crimes and brutalities committed by the Zionist regime [ie, Israel], with full support from the West". He further asserted that "Iran will not hesitate to support the cause of Palestine and the oppressed and resistant people of Gaza". Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant described the meeting as "the clearest sign that there is a war going on between the free world and the axis which promotes terror".

Washington/Lebanon/Yemen 26 March

The U.S. <u>sanctioned</u> "six entities, one individual and two tankers that are based or registered in Liberia, India, Vietnam, Lebanon and Kuwait that have engaged in facilitating commodity shipments and financial transactions for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force (IRGC-QF), the Houthis and Hizbollah".

Israel 25 March

Israel's military and domestic security service jointly <u>disclosed</u> that "in recent months, Iranian agents have been attempting to smuggle weapons, including advanced arms originating from Iran, into Judea and Samaria with the intention of carrying out terror acts against Israel". The Shin Bet listed what it described as a "significant" array of seized weapons, and <u>said</u> it would "continue to carry out active measures... to monitor and thwart any activity that endangers the security of the State of Israel and its citizens, to expose and harm the Iranians' effort to carry out terror activities within Israel's territory and... work to bring those involved to justice".

Tehran 25 March

Iranian state media <u>reported</u> that a law enforcement official and a civilian were killed during a clash with a "terrorist" group in south-eastern Iran.

