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IRAN AND THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE: DECLINING POWER OR EVOLVING THREAT?

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Thur, 06 FEB, 2025

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1300 - 1500 (CST)

LOCATION:

Arnold Conf. Room,
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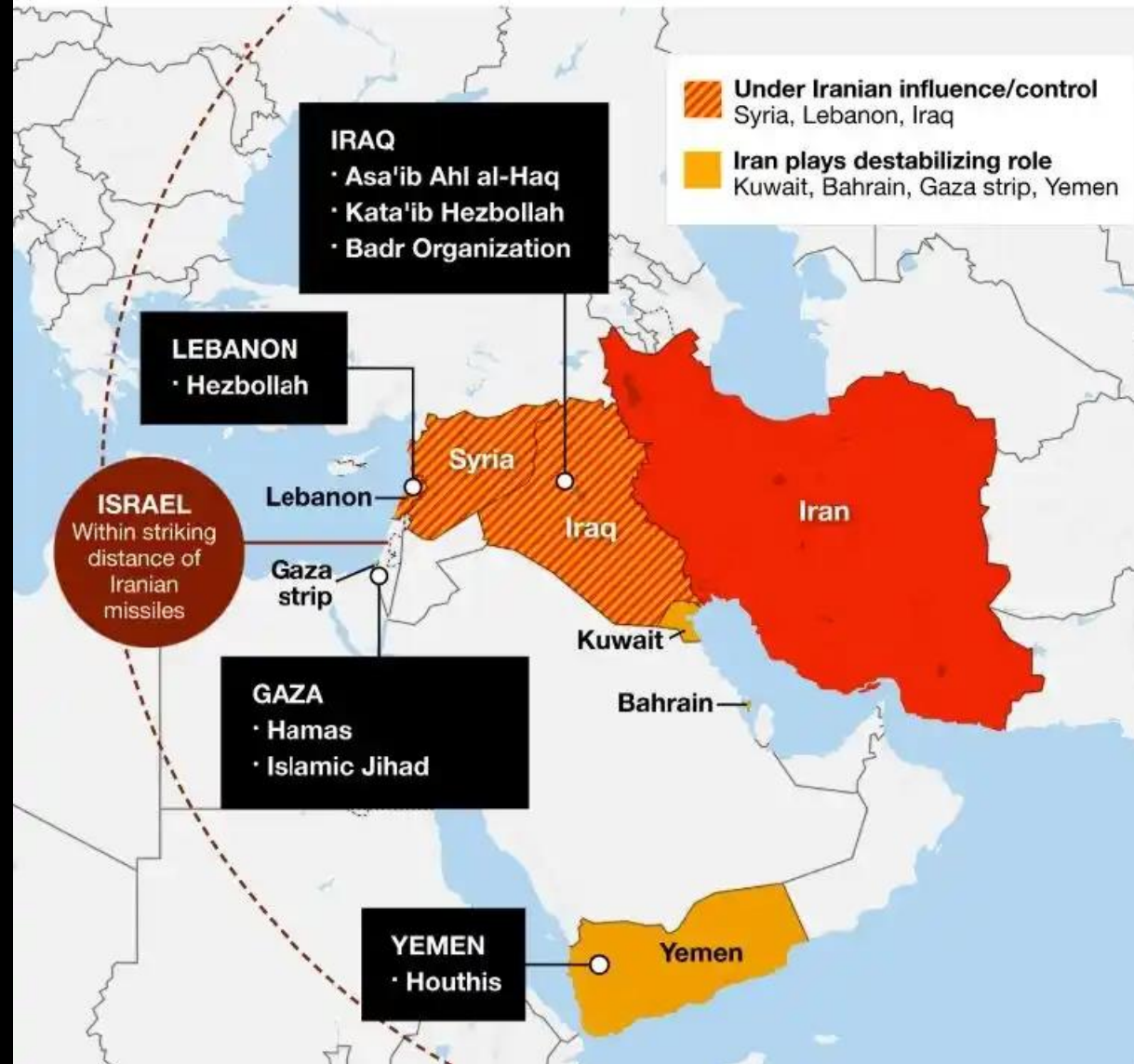
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Iran's 'Axis of Resistance'

Fears of the Israel-Hamas war escalating have soared with concern it could extend across the Middle East under Iran's new 'Axis of Resistance'.





Iran and the Axis of Resistance: *Declining Power or Evolving Threat?*



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- ◀ ارتكاب جرائم حرب وقتل الأطفال والمدنيين في فلسطين
- ◀ قصف المستشفيات وتدمير المنازل على رؤوس ساكنيها
- ◀ التهجير القسري للمدنيين العزل وقصف قوافل النازحين

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S.E. Abbas Bagherpour Ardekani

Botschafter der Islamischen Republik Iran | Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Interview: Daniela Petzl



PERSONAL DETAILS

S.E. Abbas Bagherpour Ardekani wurde 1972 geboren und graduierte 2010 mit einem Dokortitel (Ph.D) in internationalem öffentlichen Recht der Shahid Beheshti Universität in Teheran. Von Jänner 2018 bis Mai 2020 war er als Generaldirektor für internationale Rechtsangelegenheiten im Ministerium für auswärtige Angelegenheiten tätig. Er ist verheiratet und Vater zweier Kinder.
H.E. Abbas Bagherpour Ardekani was born in 1972 and graduated in 2010 with a doctorate (Ph.D) in public international law from Shahid Beheshti University in Teheran. He served as Director General for International Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from January 2018 to May 2020. He is married and the father of two children.

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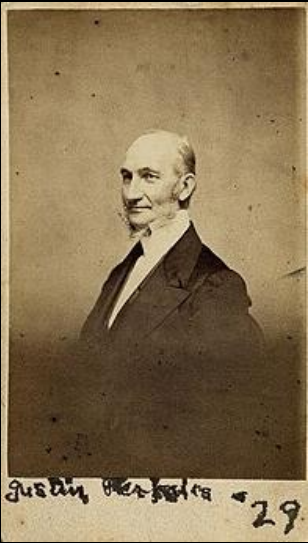


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Apostle to Persia
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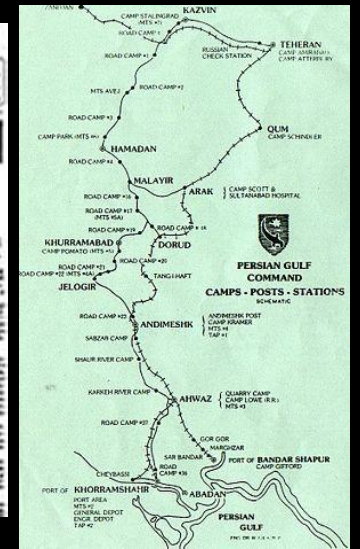
Amir Kabir
Iran's first
reformer
1851



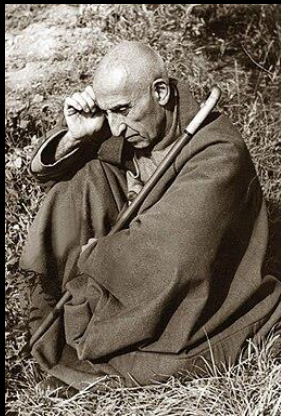
William Morgan Shuster III
Treasurer-General of Persia
1911



Anglo-soviet occupation of the neutral Imperial State of Persia
1941
Nationalization of the Iranian oil industry
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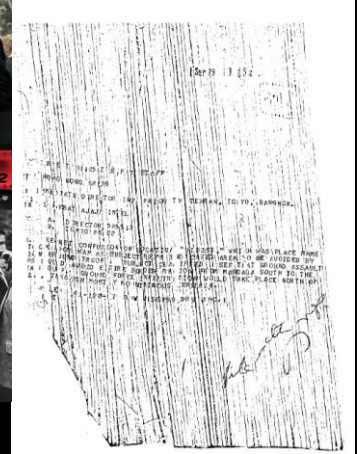
Dr. Mohammad Mosaddegh
Operation Ajax
1953



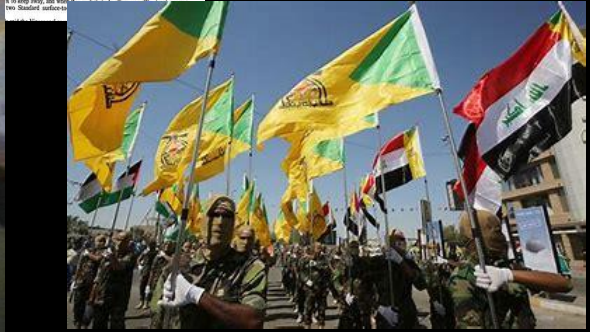
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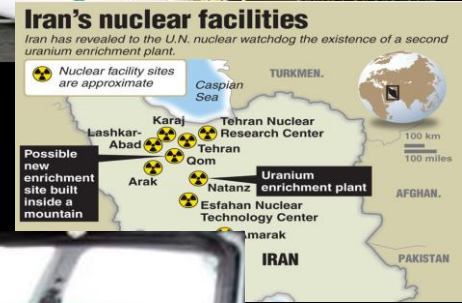
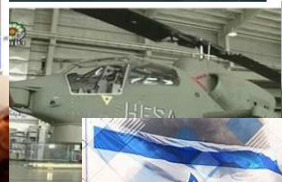
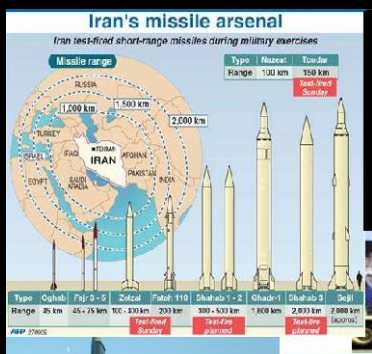


Iran hostage crisis
1979-1981



Formation: Post-1979 Revolution and Hostility Toward the West





BREAKING NEWS
Tehran University professor killed in remote control bomb blast



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And The Axis of Resistance is . . . ?

The Axis of Resistance is a network of Iranian-backed militias and political groups in the Middle East, formed by Iran by uniting and grooming armed groups that are dedicated to confront the influence of the United States and Israel in the Middle East, and shares hostility toward the countries.

Wikipedia

Axis of Resistance?

- **Islamic Republic of Iran**
- **Hezbollah (Lebanon)**
- **Syrian Arab Republic (before the regime change)**
- **Islamic Resistance in Iraq (Multiple Iraqi groups)**
- **Ansar Allah (Houthi clan in Yemen)**
- **HAMAS**

My Perspective

Network of organizations; Iran guides, but may not control

Sharing rhetorical ideology: opposition to US influence and presence of Israel in Middle East.

Using techniques of terrorism to remain relevant in Middle East.

Less concerned with protecting Palestinians than with retaining power.

Continuing evolution of threat: action-reaction-counteraction.

Syria – Internal conflict limits external influence?

Prognostication?

Three-dimensional Chess?

Iran will continue to oppose US interests (indirectly) and Israel (more directly) but will walk careful line to avoid Israeli attacks.

HAMAS will continue to provoke Israeli overreaction as technique to “prove” its relevance.

Hezbollah will take advantage of Israeli focus on HAMAS to maintain its relevance.

Houthis will continue to attack Red Sea maritime trade as messaging to international community: “we’re still here!”

Syria will seek support/assistance; internal chaos will limit ability to exert influence.



Questions / Answers / Comments

Organization and Capabilities



Source Documents Provide The Following Guidance:

Career-Long Development	Life-Long Learning Skills: Self-Development/Advanced Education Cultural Education: From Awareness To Competence
Desired Leader Attributes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding Security Environment and Instruments of National Security 2. Anticipating and Responding to Surprise and Uncertainty 3. Anticipating and Recognizing Change and Leading Transitions 4. Operating Intent Through Trust, Empowerment, and Understanding 5. Making Ethical Decisions Based on the Profession of Arms 6. Thinking Critically/Strategically and Applying Joint Warfighting Principles at All Levels of Warfare
Foundations of Joint Operations	Comprehend how factors such as geopolitics, geostrategic, society, religion, region, and culture play in shaping planning and execution of joint force operations across the range of military operations, to include traditional and irregular warfare.

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