



[How Biden Can Immediately End Iranian-backed Attacks in the Red Sea](#)

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- The Biden administration needs to understand that, when it comes to dealing with autocratic states like Russia and Iran, brute force is the only language they understand, whereas the slightest hint of weakness will be gleefully exploited to their benefit.
 - It would be preferable to have Iran concerned about US action, whether military or addressing the regime's hold on power.
 - Rather than worrying about the response US-led military action might provoke from Iran, the US and its allies need to demonstrate that they will decisively confront the terror tactics adopted by Iran and its proxies, and authorise the uncompromising military action that will end the Houthis' attacks on key shipping routes once and for all.
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At a time when Iran is reluctant to provoke a direct confrontation with the US and its allies in response to the Gaza crisis, Tehran has instead opted to use its various proxies in the Middle East to do its dirty work.

This has resulted in Hezbollah, the Shia Muslim terrorist organisation that Iran controls in southern Lebanon, to launch daily attacks against northern Israel, while Iranian-backed militias have targeted US military assets in Syria and Iraq more than 100 times just since mid-October and at least 151 times since President Joe Biden has been in office, to drive the US out of the oil-rich Middle East.

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