

# Iran May Want Revenge for Soleimani, But It May Need Restraint Instead

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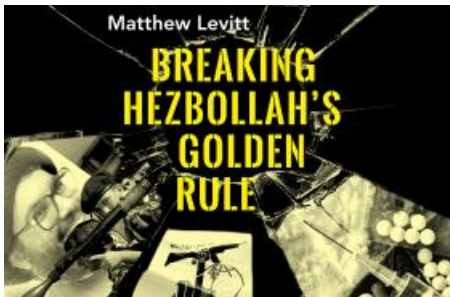
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