

# Iran Is Winning, but U.S. Has Options, in Gulf Crisis

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**Among other steps, Washington should release more intelligence on Tehran's efforts to target energy assets while urging Gulf and European allies to visibly step up their military posture.**

**W**ho is winning in the Gulf crisis? The eventual winner of this round is yet to be decided but, so far, Tehran is winning on points. The security of oil exports from the region, for decades a U.S. national security imperative, is imperiled. But the U.S. counter-action so far has been zero, at least in terms of military force. The pictures of the burning tanker last week were evidence that the earlier-than-planned arrival of the Abraham Lincoln carrier strike group and B-52 bombers publicly has had no impact on Iranian behavior...

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