

Mobilization Forces (PMF)—continue to travel to Syria without authorization from the legal chain of command and, once there, attack a partner nation's forces. [\(/sites/default/files/2021-07/image%20purporting%20to%20show%20the%20June%2011%20rocket%20attack%20near%20Deir%20Ez%20Zor.%20%20Posted%20to%20Sabere](#)

Of course, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has greater freedom of movement in east Syria than it does in Iraq, and appears to have committed itself to maintaining a presence at the Imam Ali Camp on the Syrian side of the Iraqi border, just across the Euphrates River from many of the targeted U.S. positions. Increasing pressure on the U.S. presence in Syria—whether by using its Iraqi militia proxies directly or as facades for IRGC Qods Force activity—might well serve the Tehran's strategic interests at this time. ❖

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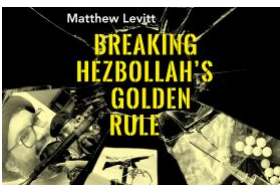
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