

# A Needed Warning for Yemen's Rebels—and for Our Allies and Enemies Alike

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**Rarely has it been more important for Washington to show it will stand by a friend in response to an attack that could have resulted in many civilian casualties, including Americans.**

**W**hen the Obama administration and the other members of the 5+1 reached the JCPOA with Iran in 2015, there was a fear that if we sought to impose a price on the Iranians for their destabilizing actions in the region, they would not implement the nuclear deal. The Iranian desire to get sanctions relief always meant they would implement the JCPOA. But we did very little in response as they ratcheted up their aggressive acts throughout the region. Now, we need to learn the lessons of the past and make the Iranians and their clients or proxies pay a price. And it needs to start with the Houthis...

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