

How to Build a Counterterrorism Coalition Against Iran

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By tapping into the \$300 million that Congress has earmarked to bolster CT capabilities abroad, the Trump administration can help partners disrupt Iranian and Hezbollah financing schemes in Iraq, Syria, Yemen, West Africa, South America, and other locales.

Speaking in late August at the launch of Operation Economic Outcast, the Treasury Department's new financial campaign targeting Iran, Secretary Scott Bessent set a high bar: "Our objective is to sever every economic lifeline that sustains this tyrannical regime until Tehran stands alone." Coupled with a naval blockade preventing the export of Iranian oil, the department's new effort is arguably the most aggressive of its kind to date. And yet, it cannot reach its full potential without complementary diplomacy and foreign assistance. Washington cannot achieve these ambitious goals alone, but it can make major progress by building a coalition of the willing and capable...

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