

The Middle East Missile Environment

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A comprehensive survey of the rocket and missile arsenals fielded by actors such as Iran, Syria, and Hizballah, along with U.S. and allied efforts to counter the threat.

As recent events have shown—in particular, the launch of more than 1,500 rockets by Hamas and other Gaza factions against Israel in November 2012, and the launch of a half dozen SCUD missiles by government forces against Syrian insurgents in early December 2012—the Middle East remains that part of the world where the threat posed by rocket and missile proliferation and use is most acute, and the need for effective rocket and missiles defenses most urgent.

To be sure, not all the news coming from the Middle East in the past decade pertaining to missile proliferation has been bad. The missile proliferation landscape in the region is characterized by a variety of countervailing trends, some positive, some neutral, and some negative, from the point of view of U.S. national interests. On the positive side of the ledger... ❖

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