Iran-backed Houthi Attacks Against Saudi Arabia

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We condemn yesterday’s attacks by the Iranian-backed Houthis against Saudi Arabia. These attacks were launched indiscriminately towards Riyadh, and risked the lives of innocent civilians, including Americans. For years, Saudi Arabia has endured these types of reckless attacks and for the past week, these attacks have occurred almost daily. This irresponsible escalation coincides with the Houthis’ declared desire to strengthen their ties with Iran. Just this month, the Iranian regime smuggled Hassan Irloo, a member of the terrorist Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), into Sana’a, Yemen’s Houthi-occupied capital. Irloo now calls himself “ambassador.” These acts demonstrate that the Houthis are not serious about seeking a political solution in order to bring peace to Yemen. The United States calls on Iran to stop smuggling weapons to the Houthis in violation of UN Security Council resolutions and to stop enabling the Houthis’ aggressive acts against Yemen and towards its neighbors, including Saudi Arabia.