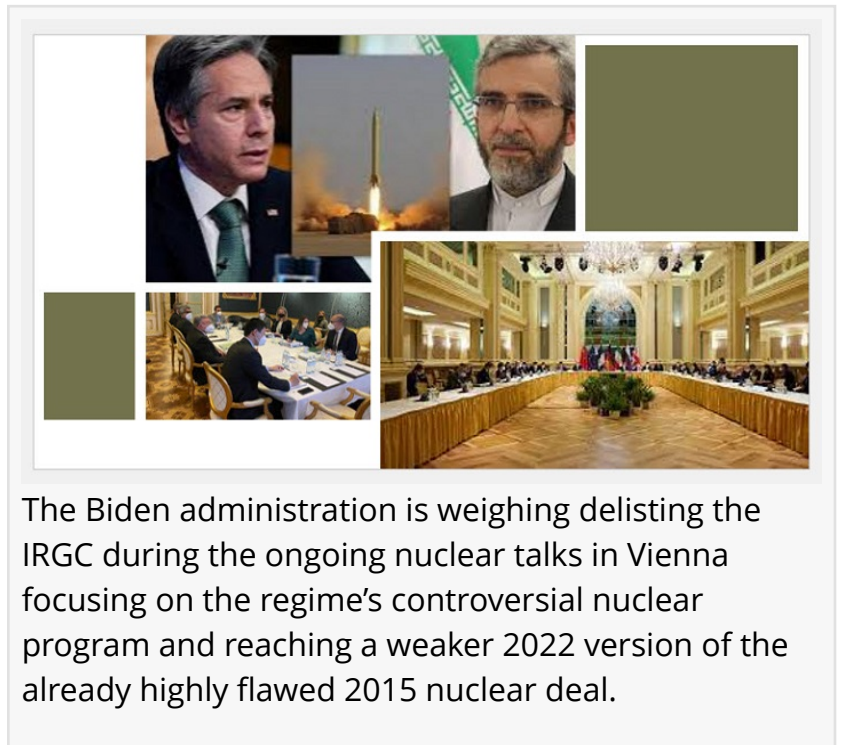


# (Video) - Iran Opposition NCRI Warns Delisting IRGC Will Lead To 'Terrorism and Mayhem'

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PARIS, FRANCE, March 23, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Leading Iranian opposition coalition, [the National Council of Resistance of Iran \(NCRI\)](#) U.S. Representative Office issued a new report on Thursday warning against any measures intended to take the Iranian regime's Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) off the U.S. State Department's Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) list, adding such a measure will "heighten terrorism and mayhem" across the Middle East.



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The mullahs' regime has been demanding the removal of the FTO designation imposed on the IRGC by the Trump administration back in 2019 during the Vienna talks.

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The report details the IRGC’s involvement in military and terrorist operations in other countries throughout the region via its vast network of terrorist groups and proxies, and the training of foreign mercenaries in Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan. This recent release supports the NCRI’s previous reports about the IRGC’s use of drones and naval proxies.

“The IRGC’s involvement in research & development of weapons of mass destruction, ceaseless terrorist activities to foment mayhem, destruction, and instability across the Middle East, its financial empire to fund its nefarious activities inside Iran and abroad, make this terror outfit a serious global threat,” the report adds.

The new NCRI report also outlines how the IRGC is used against the Iranian people as the main branch of the regime’s expansive domestic crackdown machine.

This is particularly important following uprisings during the past few years by protesters who have taken the streets in uprisings that have shaken the regime’s very pillars of power.

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Jafarzadeh, deputy director of the NCRI's Washington office, to Fox News' Adam Shaw with the release of the report. Any initiative to lift the IRGC's FTO designation would be "counterproductive at best," Jafarzadeh warned.

"Instead of holding the regime accountable for its stepped-up terrorism, the West would be rewarding terrorism, leading to even more violence," he highlighted, arguing instead that in fact, more sanctions are necessary due to the regime's ongoing terrorist campaign across the Middle East.

Concerns over an FTO removal are also circulating among members of Congress. A bipartisan group of 21 House members, including 11 Democrats, wrote to U.S. President Joe Biden recently voicing concern that a new Iran deal may not be tough enough.

"Among other issues, we are highly concerned about reports indicating the potential lifting of the Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) designation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and of the sanctions placed on members of the office of the Supreme Leader," the letter reads.

The NCRI report was released two days after the IRGC launched a second reconnaissance satellite into space, raising further concerns and eyebrows over the regime's use of a space program as a cover to advance their ballistic missile arsenal.

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