

Tehran 18 April

An IRGC general <u>warned</u> that if Israel "decides to take action against our nuclear facilities and centres, it will definitely face our reaction... For a tit-for-tat retaliation, the regime's nuclear facilities will be attacked with advanced weapons". He further asserted that should Israel "use the threat of attacking our country's nuclear centres as a tool to put pressure on Iran, it is possible and conceivable to revise the nuclear doctrine and policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran and deviate from the previously declared considerations".

Washington 18 April

In response to Iran's 13 April retaliatory <u>strikes</u> against Israel, the U.S., in coordination with the <u>UK</u>, <u>sanctioned</u> "sixteen individuals and two entities enabling Iran's UAV production... five companies in multiple jurisdictions providing component materials for steel production... and three subsidiaries of Iranian automaker Bahman Group"; according to the Treasury Department, the "new industries targeted generate billions of dollars in annual revenue". The Department of Commerce in parallel <u>approved</u> "new controls to restrict Iran's access to technologies such as basic commercial grade microelectronics".

Israel/Lebanon 17 April

Eighteen Israelis, including fourteen soldiers, were <u>wounded</u> in Hizbollah drone and missile strikes in northern Israel; the IDF responded with airstrikes against Hizbollah targets in Lebanon.