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In parallel to sanctions announcements by the <u>UK</u> and <u>Canada</u>, the U.S. <u>designated</u> "sixteen <u>entities</u> and eight individuals, as well as identifying as blocked property five vessels and one aircraft, that have facilitated illicit trade and the sale of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in support of Iran's Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics (MODAFL) and the regime's UAV development and procurement".

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CENTCOM <u>reported</u> that "a <u>coalition vessel</u> successfully engaged one anti-ship ballistic missile (ASBM) launched from Iran-backed Houthi terrorist-controlled areas in Yemen over the Gulf of Aden"; the missile, which did not cause reported injuries or damage, was assessed to have been "likely targeting the *MV Yorktown*, a U.S.-flagged, owned and operated vessel". CENTCOM further reported having "successfully engaged and destroyed four airborne unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) over Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen".