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Secretary of State Antony Blinken <u>opined</u> that "the single biggest, most effective rebuke to both Iran and Hamas would be Israel having normal relations with every country in this region and the realisation of a Palestinian state... The work that Saudi Arabia and the U.S. have been doing together in terms of our own agreements, I think, is potentially very close to completion. But then in order to move forward with [Saudi-Israel] normalisation, two things will be required: calm in Gaza and a credible pathway to a Palestinian state".

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CENTCOM <u>confirmed</u> that its "forces successfully engaged and destroyed an uncrewed surface vessel (USV) in Iranian-backed Houthi terrorist-controlled areas of Yemen. It was determined the USV presented an imminent threat to U.S., coalition forces and merchant vessels in the region".