

Tehran/Hormuz 3 May

Foreign Minister Amirabdollahian <u>reported</u> that Iran had released the crew of *MSC Aries*, <u>seized</u> on 13 April, though the vessel remained under what he termed "judicial detention".

Yemen 3 May

The Houthis <u>announced</u> "the beginning of the four stage of escalation" in their response to the Gaza war, with a spokesperson <u>warning</u> that they would "target any ships heading to Israeli ports in the Mediterranean Sea in any area we are able to reach".

Bahrain/Israel 2 May

<u>Saraya Al-Ashtar claimed</u> to have conducted a 27 April drone attack against the offices of an Israeli company in Eilat, <u>asserting</u>: "The Islamic Resistance in Bahrain confirms that it is continuing its movement and support at all levels for our patient people in the resistant Gaza... It will not stop its operations unless the Zionist aggression against Gaza stops".

Israel/Golan 2 May

Syrian state media <u>reported</u> "the injury of eight military personnel and some material losses" in an Israeli airstrike near Damascus.

Tehran 2 May

Iran's government sanctioned <u>twelve</u> American individuals and entities it claimed were "involved in terrorism and serious human rights violating in supporting Israeli regime's barbaric acts against the Palestinians", as well as <u>thirteen</u> UK designees.

Washington/Lebanon 2 May

The U.S. <u>sanctioned</u> "five individuals for helping U.S.-designated Hizbollah money exchanger Hassan Moukalled (Moukalled) and his company, CTEX Exchange, evade sanctions and facilitate illicit activities in support of Hizbollah".

Washington/Yemen 2 May

CENTCOM <u>reported</u> that its "forces successfully engaged and destroyed three uncrewed aerial systems (UAS) in an Iranian-backed Houthi controlled area of Yemen".