

INFER Issue Report

Violent Non-State Actors Advancing Iran's Agenda

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Iran’s influence on violent non-state actors (VNSAs) like Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis has long been a source of instability in the Middle East. This heatmap analyzes crowd forecasts from the signals below to show whether INFER’s forecasts indicate that VNSAs are advancing Iran’s agenda.

Decreasing Advancement	Status Quo	Increasing Advancement
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Drivers	Signals		INFER Probability Forecast		
			30 Nov	31 Dec	31 Jan
Iranian Stability	Anti-government protest takes place in Iran with 10,000 or more participants lasting at least a week		19%	14%	11%
Threats to Iranian Allies	Houthi rebels execute an attack against an Israeli civil or military vessel in the next six months		56%	25%	11%
	Houthi rebels launch a missile that strikes within Israel in the next six months		55%	26%	14%
	Houthis and Yemen reach a ceasefire that is in effect on 31 December 2024 and lasts at least six months		25%	25%	6%
	[NEW] Israel and Hamas agree on a 30-day or longer pause in the conflict before December 2024		N/A	N/A	47%
	[NEW] Hezbollah launches a missile that impacts more than 10 km into Israel in the next six months		N/A	N/A	37%
	[NEW] War breaks out between Hezbollah and Israel in the next month		N/A	N/A	4%
Direct Threats to Iran	Iran launches missiles or conducts an airstrike against U.S. forces in the next six months		2%	4%	4%
	Iran launch missiles targeting Israel or conduct an airstrike in Israel in the next six months		2%	2%	3%
	Israel and Saudi Arabia resume normalization process in the next six months		3%	2%	4%
Iranian Economy	Highest price per barrel of Brent crude oil between 4 December 2023 and 31 March 2024	Less than \$90	N/A	55%	60%
		\$90 - \$99.99	N/A	39%	35%
		\$100 - \$109.99	N/A	5%	3%
		\$110 - \$119.99	N/A	1%	1%
		\$120 or more	N/A	1%	0%