

National Security Adviser: We're Putting Iran on Notice

Following a ballistic missile test and a suicide bombing of a Saudi Arabian frigate in which video evidence suggests the attackers believed they were striking a U.S. ship, National Security Adviser Michael Flynn had some harsh words for Iran.

In a statement released by the White House on Wednesday afternoon, Flynn said:

Recent Iranian actions, including a provocative ballistic missile launch and an attack against a Saudi naval vessel conducted by Iran-supported Houthi militants, underscore what should have been clear to the international community all along about Iran's destabilizing behavior across the Middle East.

The recent ballistic missile launch is also in defiance of U.N. Security Council Resolution 2231, which calls upon Iran "not to undertake any activity related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons, including launches using such ballistic missile technology."

These are just the latest of a series of incidents in the past six months in which Houthi forces that Iran has trained and armed have struck Emirati and Saudi vessels and threatened U.S. and allied vessels transiting the Red Sea. In these and other similar activities, Iran continues to threaten U.S. friends and allies in the region.

The Obama administration failed to respond adequately to Tehran's malign actions—including weapons transfers, support for terrorism and other violations of international norms. The Trump administration condemns such actions by Iran that undermine security, prosperity and stability throughout and

beyond the Middle East and place American lives at risk.

President Trump has severely criticized the various agreements reached between Iran and the Obama administration, as well as the United Nations—as being weak and ineffective.

Instead of being thankful to the United States for these agreements, Iran is now feeling emboldened.

As of today, we are officially putting Iran on notice. {eoa}