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Iran to Sue the United States Over Direct Involvement in Protests

On Saturday, 22 OCT, the Iranian government announced it would take legal action against the United States for its support of the ongoing protests in the country. Iran has characterized this support as “direct involvement”, planning, and organization. The state-run news agency in Iran announced that the country’s Justice Department was to file a lawsuit to investigate the damages and meddling inflicted by the United States’ involvement in the unrest. The United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia have also been warned by the Iranian government for their role in hosting and supporting television networks which it claimed had urged protesters “to destroy public and private properties”. END

CMCD Note

We assess with high confidence that Iran is likely to continue its attempts to blame the United States for the ongoing political unrest in Iran. Iran maintains its claims that the United States and other Western powers are responsible for starting and supporting the ongoing protests in Iran. Iran has yet to state how and when it intends to sue the United States, and it is doubtful Iran will be able to successfully do so with the lack of evidence to provide credibility to Iran’s statements.

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