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Iran's Aired Retaliation to Israel: True Promise 3

- Iran's retaliation to Israel's response has begun to be aired. It is claimed that Iran will deliver a fierce and painful strike to Israel. Is it possible?
- Regarding the effectiveness of the Israeli attack on 25 October 2024, the IDF is allegedly have succeeded in degrading IRN missile production capabilities, eliminating S-300 air defense systems and destroying a strategic radar critical for long-range attack and defense.
- If proven, this would prompt Iran to act in prudence against Israel. But the latest statements refute or contradict the claims about the effectiveness of the attack. We still need to see the deeds instead of just words.
- Both sides are striving to rebuild the deterrence against each other by inflating the success or failure. Will rhetorical deterrence work? The recent deployment of B-52s to the Middle East shows that the United States is incapable of building deterrence, and therefore, Washington constantly has to raise its hand.
- Any retaliation against Israel, especially a strong one, would likely have significant repercussions that both the US and Israel fear and have refrained from. If it were to happen, it would be a major blow to US and ISR deterrence. A big step towards a post-American Middle East.
- For the US, unconditional support to Israel's actions and failure in achieving any meaningful results in Ukraine, the US is quietly missing the China's economic recovery and being outpaced by military strengthening. If you cannot win, you begin to lose.
- A strong retaliation against Israel will have serious repercussions for the US and Israel. In fact, both are extremely wary of it. Iran is already keeping the US busy while keeping the tone of discourse high. It remains to be seen whether Tehran has already lost its strategic patience, which seems unlikely given that Trump's re-election has created a promising atmosphere for de-escalation and that the IDF is facing hurdles in achieving its goals on the ground in Lebanon.

But if Iran follows words with action;

- The tide of deterrence turns significantly in favor of Iran
- It would be an important step towards a post-American Middle East.

If Iran refrains to move beyond words;

- It can be seen as an indication that the Israeli attack was successful,
- It would be an important step towards an Israel-centered Middle East,
- A hypothetical weak signal of a regime change in Iran, which will be followed by a negotiation process that would integrate Iran into the Western oriented international system.