

## TLP CLEAR – DISSEMINATION UNLIMITED



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### TLP-C THREAT UPDATE THE LIST HAS NOT CHANGED 14 AUG 26

**KNOW THE TARGET – WATCH THE TARGET – LOOK DEEPER -EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED**

*Matthew 11:12 "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."*

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### IN OBSCURA ANALYSIS

The analysis pasted below by a colleague in July 2026 is reported here is my continual demand to the US Christian church prepare and take countermeasures. The mission success in this area has not been good. Locally it is ignored. I pray you all open your eyes before it is too late. I am very well aware from my career experiences with this threat and target over decades, the myriad deep operational and investigative talents and instincts Our God has have given me through my career experiences, education, and training. This is WHY In Obscura became reality. The prophecy of Ezekiel is Our God warning of the price of ignoring the Watchmen and in so doing, knowing capitulation.

Why am I sharing this colleague's analysis?

With the recent debacle portrayed by US media concerning the newest Air Force One, the gift of The State of Qatar, and the recent POTUS switching aircraft in Turkey was blamed by US media that the new plane lack security countermeasures. This included accusations of POTUS as fool and veiled accusations of intent by Qatar.

However, recent disclosures of the raw truth and the ignored reality of the threat to the United States. This is a multination allied axis which includes one control element of Iran, its Popular Mobilization Units, allies globally and inside the United States.

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This includes In Obscura continued reporting and analysis of the escalation by USPER insurgent and expanding guerilla, under foreign intelligence service control inside our country. There is a vitriolic hatred for Christianity and our churches, portrayed by kinetic attacks. As continually published by In Obscura reporting, target and surveillance and intelligence collection by these groups is rampant and ongoing. Churches, Pastors, Congregations have been attacked with fire and IEDs, small arms fire, killing and wounding along this path. The threats and suspicious activity reports are there but few.

Global Christian genocide and persecution is escalating as this report is being written. In Obscura has since its inception, repeatedly focused on the global threat and continued kinetic blood. The forces committing these acts of war, and as the below depicts are the very same forces inside US mosques and in public calling for the death of Christianity and the United States.



RYAN'S SUBSTACK

# The List Has Not Changed

Inside Iran's Long War Against American Officials



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When I was a Special Agent with the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service, I protected both Brian Hook and Mike Pompeo. I will not get into the specifics of the actual threat. What I will tell you is this. We took it extremely seriously as an agency and we mitigated it as best we could with the resources available to combat it. That threat came from Iran. It never went away. It is not going away now.

This week Israeli intelligence handed Washington a new plot to kill President Trump. Trump has declared the ceasefire with Iran over after Iranian attacks on commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz and the American strikes that followed. Standing next to Marco Rubio and his cabinet, the president said he is Iran's number one target. He said he may not survive it. That is not a president being careless with his words. That is a president who has been briefed enough times to know exactly how real this is.

A few days ago, I wrote an article about the distraction window. Khamenei was killed in the opening strikes of this war, along with his wife and members of his family. His son Mojtaba was installed as Supreme Leader and has not been seen publicly since. Iran spent this week burying Khamenei in a multi-city funeral, and IRGC officials said on camera that the war is not over for them until his death is avenged. Americans hear negotiations and assume the danger has passed. Iran's own leadership told us directly, on the record, that it

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has not. This new plot is not a new data point. It is the distraction window closing in real time, exactly the way the pattern predicted, days after I made the argument.

### **The List Has Not Changed. It Has Grown**

None of this is new to those of us who worked it from the inside. This is a program that has been running since January 2020, when a U.S. drone strike killed IRGC Quds Force commander Qassem Soleimani outside Baghdad International Airport. Iran has spent several years trying to make good on the revenge it promised after that strike. The names on the list have not changed. Trump. Pompeo. Bolton. Hook. The list has only grown.

Look at the funeral this week. Marchers carried posters of Trump under red crosshairs with a seven-word warning that his head will roll. Posters targeted JD Vance and Pete Hegseth with the phrase there will be blood. An effigy of Trump hung near the front of the procession while crowds burned American and British flags and chanted for the death of both countries. A senior advisor to the late Supreme Leader went on Iranian television and declared that the murderers of the martyred Imam will not die a natural death. That is not grief. That is target selection broadcast to the world.

The public record backs all of it. The Justice Department charged a Revolutionary Guard operative with offering \$300,000 to have John Bolton murdered on American soil. Investigators said Pompeo and Hook were also on the list. A Pakistani national working for the IRGC was convicted this year of terrorism and murder for hire after being sent into this country to arrange a political assassination, with Trump among the targets discussed. Three more men go to trial in March for a plot against Trump and an Iranian dissident. In the charging papers for that case, an IRGC official told the lead defendant that money was not an issue when it came to killing Trump. This is not speculation. This is the court docket. Pompeo and Hook lived under round-the-clock government protection for years because of it. I know because I was part of that protection.

### **How Iran Actually Operates**

Here is what most people do not understand about this threat, because most people have never worked it. Iran does not run these plots the way Hollywood imagines a state intelligence service works. Iran runs them through cutouts. Diaspora criminal networks. Hired hands with no ideological stake in the outcome who are simply being paid. That structure is deliberate.

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It gives Tehran deniability and it gives American law enforcement almost nothing clean to point at when an attack succeeds or fails. I sat inside that reality for years. The adversary is patient. The adversary is compartmented. The adversary will run the same play for a decade if that is what it takes.

### **The Mukhtar Unit**

Now put a name on it. In early July, Israel's Channel 14 reported, citing intelligence sources, that the IRGC Quds Force has stood up a new special operations unit called Mukhtar. Its reported mission is covert assassination operations against senior U.S. officials, with President Trump at the top of the list, as retaliation for Khamenei's death. The reporting describes a hybrid unit built from snipers, hackers, logistics experts, saboteurs, spies, and propaganda specialists. It allegedly works with Mexican cartels for smuggling and logistics, and it recruits from the Iranian diaspora to put operators inside the United States with clean backgrounds and plausible deniability.

I want to be straight with you about the sourcing. This is a single-outlet intelligence claim that Washington has not publicly confirmed, and I treat it accordingly. But here is what I can tell you from experience. Every individual element of the Mukhtar reporting already exists in the public record. Cartel outreach by Iranian operatives has been proven in federal court. The FBI director himself said the IRGC was conspiring with criminals and hitmen to gun down Americans on U.S. soil. A separate Quds Force unit was reportedly behind a plot to assassinate Israel's ambassador to Mexico, staged through Venezuela. The murder-for-hire cases against Trump and Bolton ran through hired criminals, not Iranian intelligence officers. The Mukhtar Unit is not a new capability. It is the formalization of a playbook Tehran has been running piece by piece for fifteen years.

Regimes built on martyrdom and revenge do not get quieter during a leadership transition. They get louder. A new supreme leader has every incentive to prove continuity with the old one's unfinished business. A sitting president, a vice president, a defense secretary, a former secretary of state, and a former Iran envoy now sit inside the same target set. That is not a coincidence. That is what maximum incentive looks like from Tehran's side of the ledger.

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### **Our Own House Is Not in Order**

There is one more piece of this and it has nothing to do with Iran. Last week the DHS inspector general released its report on Butler, Pennsylvania, two years after a gunman came within an inch of killing Trump on a rally stage. Local law enforcement put out 102 radio transmissions about the shooter, including that he was on a nearby roof with a long gun. The Secret Service heard none of them, because no joint communications room was ever established to receive that traffic. The agents standing next to Trump were never told to move him. Hours earlier, the shooter flew a drone over the site and conducted his own aerial reconnaissance of the stage, unopposed, because the counter-drone system was down. That was not Iranian tradecraft. That was a planning and command failure inside our own protective apparatus, the exact kind of failure I spent a career working to prevent. An adversary this patient does not need to be sophisticated. It needs us to be sloppy once. As we always say overseas, the enemy gets a vote too.

Also, there is a reason the president did not fly home from Turkey on the new Air Force One gifted by Qatar. The Secret Service advised the switch back to the legacy aircraft during renewed hostilities with Iran, and they were absolutely right to do it. The legacy VC-25A fleet was purpose-built from the ground up for nuclear hardening, anti-missile countermeasures, and command and control under attack. You cannot retrofit those capabilities into a commercial 747 on an accelerated timeline and expect parity. Aviation experts have put the true cost of a full security conversion at close to a billion dollars. The Air Force says it spent under \$400 million. As of now, in my opinion, that plane is a liability, and the Secret Service made the right call by not risking the President of the United States on it through contested airspace during an active shooting war with Iran.

### **The Window Does Not Close on Its Own**

None of this means an attack is imminent. It means the people protecting these individuals are not dealing with a new problem. They are dealing with the same problem I helped manage years ago, under new headlines and a wider target list, inside the exact window I warned about a couple of days ago. I trust the people doing that work now. I know what it costs them. I know what it took out of the people I worked alongside. The news cycle will move past this in a week. The people on the protective details will not. They will still be standing outside a hotel room at 3 a.m., same as we did, and they will need every radio call

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answered. The distraction window does not close on its own. It closes when the people on the ground close it. ///END///

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