

Iran's empire of proxy fighters

A network of foreign militias built by General Qassem Soleimani, the Iranian commander killed in Iraq by the U.S., are likely to remain Tehran's primary weapon in its asymmetric fight against Washington

Government relationships with Iran and Tehran's proxy forces

● Aligned ● Tilting towards ● Neutral/hedging ● Opposed to Iran

LEBANON: Shiite Hezbollah – group formed in 1982 following Israel's occupation of south Lebanon

SYRIA: Popular Mobilization Forces, 313 Force, Liwa al-Baqir, Quwat al-Ridha militias – all linked to Hezbollah



IRAQ: Badr Organisation – most powerful force in Iraq – Asaib Ahl al-Haq, Kataib Hezbollah, Harakat Hezbollah al-Nujaba

YEMEN: Ansar Allah – 100,000-strong Houthi rebel group – has called for attacks on U.S. bases in reprisal for killing of **Qassem Soleimani** (inset)