Iran's CoA's for Retaliation

Iran's Objectives for Retaliation

- Avoiding destructive counter-retaliation and escalation
- ☐ Keeping international legitimacy intact and preventing an anti-Iran coalition
- Avoiding escalation with Arab countries, if possible, gaining their support
- ☐ Building deterrence against Israel
- ☐ Compelling Israel act with restraint and negotiate

Course of Actions

- CoA-A Connecting and uniting West Bank and Gaza
- CoA-B Saturating the Iron Dome and degrading AD capacity of ISR
- CoA-C Facilitating Hezbollah actions in theNorth
- CoA-D Paralyzing Israel by inflicting destruction

Operational factors implicating CoAs

- Geographical access (air/ground)
- Logistical sustainability
- Available forces (air/ground)
- Resilience of the forces
- Realisation of the objectives

Assessment: Overall, during the retaliation phase Iran will likely adopt a course of action that aims to saturate the Iron Dome and degradation of Israeli air defence. Depending on the success of the initial phase, targeting military assets and bases will likely follow to compel Israel to act with restraint and opt for a ceasefire in Gaza and eventually the two-state solution.



