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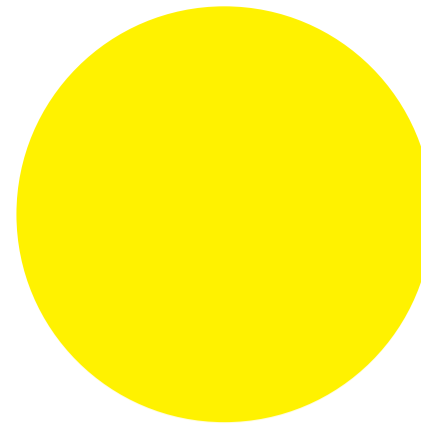
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Up for Iran to Decide Now

Iran seizes Israeli-linked cargo ship in Strait of Hormuz

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This image grab taken from a video posted on social media on April 13, 2024, shows a member of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps rappelling down onto a container ship named, MSC Aries, near the Strait of Hormuz.

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EDITORIAL

In the wake of Israel's terrorist attack which killed several Iranian military advisers at Iran's consulate in Damascus, the ball is now in Tehran's court to determine its course of action. The brazen act of aggression by Israel has not only showcased the regime's blatant disregard for international norms but has also triggered a flurry of deliberations about Iran's possible retaliation as well as concentrated diplomatic efforts. Additionally, the incident has instilled a sense of anxiety and dread among Israelis in the occu-

pied territories. Several key points merit attention in this unfolding scenario: It is crystal clear that Israel's unwarranted assault on the Iranian consulate in Syria violates international law, especially given the absence of direct hostilities between Iran and Israel. Consequently, Tehran's response to this act of terrorism falls within the realm of legitimate self-defense, aimed at bolstering its deterrent capabilities against potential future transgressions. Recent days have witnessed a surge in speculative narratives propagated

by Western media outlets, largely in line with Israel's interests. These conjectures have painted Iran's response as a precursor to a regional conflict or an extension of the ongoing Gaza war. Certain Western states have exacerbated these apprehensions by closing their embassies in Iran and cautioning against travel to the country. In stark contrast, Iran has reiterated its commitment to averting war with Israel, emphasizing its diplomatic efforts to broker peace in the Gaza Strip over the past seven months. This stance underscores Iran's proactive approach to

conflict resolution while safeguarding its national interests against external infringements. Iran, as a sovereign nation, functions within the parameters of its national interests, a principle that guides its response to Israel's provocations. Contrary to speculations, Tehran's decision-making process regarding its response to Israel's aggression will be meticulously crafted in accordance with Iran's strategic imperatives. External consultations, recommendations, or threats hold little sway over Iran's deliberations, as Tehran's actions will be predicated

on internal security assessments and political considerations tailored to safeguard its national interests. Iran's strategic maneuvers appear to have yielded dividends in the intricate geopolitical chess game it has orchestrated. The occupied territories have been gripped by anxiety for over two weeks, anticipating Iran's next move. Domestically, dissent against Benjamin Netanyahu's policies has surged, widening the gap between proponents and detractors of the belligerent Israeli prime minister.

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