



# Monthly Iran Projectile Tracker: May 2025

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The Jewish Institute for National Security of America's (JINSA) [Iran Projectile Tracker](#) presents regularly updated charts and graphs on missiles, rockets, drones, and mortars that Iran and its regional proxies have fired at U.S. personnel, partners, and interests in the Middle East, as well as data for other Iran-linked malign activity. Below is an update reflecting the major trends from the last month.

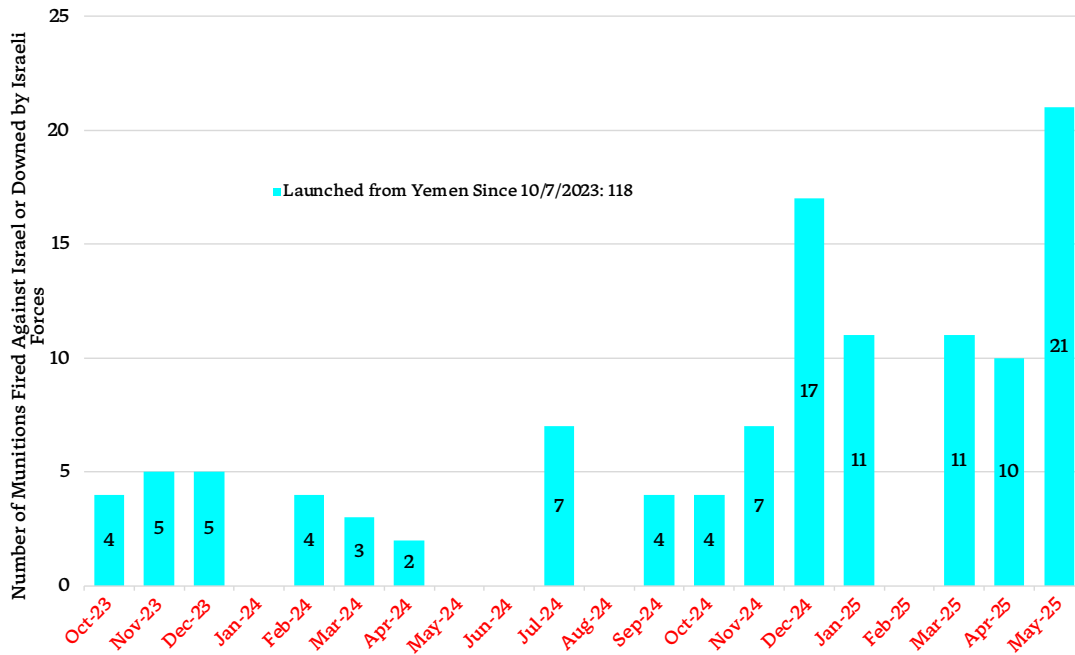
## 1. Major Trends

- While most of Iran's proxies conducted limited or no attacks during May, and the Houthis agreed to stop attacking maritime targets as part of a truce with the United States, the Houthis continued to fire near daily attacks against Israel.
- By continuing a trend that began in late April of conducting periods of near daily missile and drone attacks for periods lasting roughly a week, the Houthis more than doubled their fire against Israel in May compared to the previous month.
  - » The truce with the Houthis that President Donald Trump [announced](#) on May 6 ended Operation Rough Rider, a persistent, large-scale campaign of U.S. airstrikes against key Houthi targets that lasted over seven weeks, but it did not address Houthi attacks against Israel.
- Extending a trend since September 2024 of slight monthly fluctuations in Hamas's fire against Israel, Hamas only marginally increased its fire against Israel, while the overall trend of substantially reduced attacks from Gaza suggests that Israeli operations have significantly diminished the terrorist group's operational capacity.

## 2. Iran-linked Attacks Against Israel

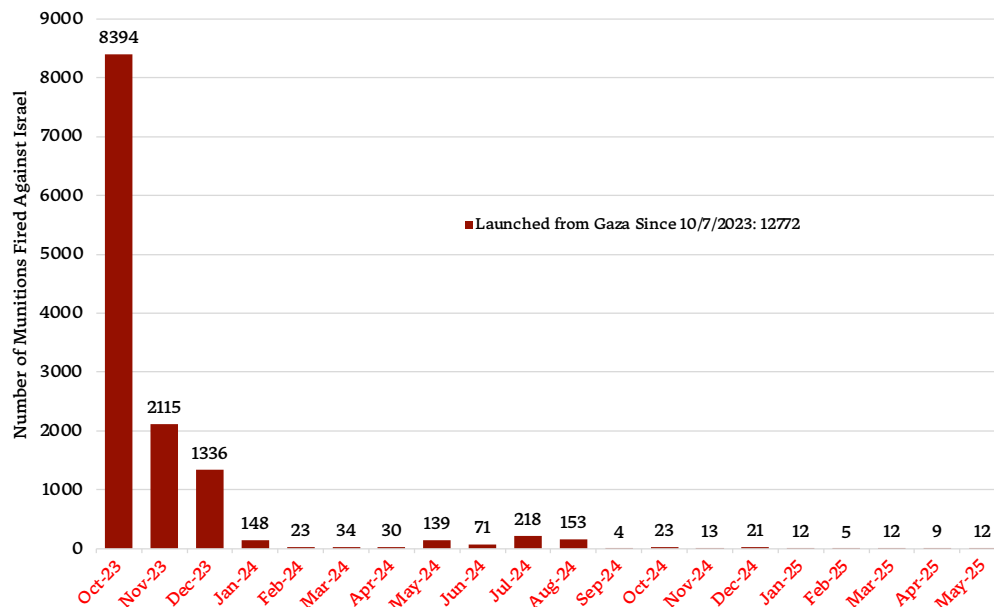
- In May, the Houthis launched more missiles and drones that reached Israeli territory or were downed by Israeli forces than any other month since the war began and 110 percent as many as the terrorist group had launched during April.
  - » The Houthis launched at least 21 projectiles during May, compared to 10 in April and 17 in December 2024, the month with the previous largest number of projectile launches.
    - The Houthis' attacks frequently occurred in week-long periods, with roughly one attack per day from May 1-4, 13-17 and 22-27.
    - During these periods of Houthi fire, the Israeli Air Force [struck](#) Houthi targets in Yemen on May 16 and 28, but the Houthis launched additional attacks against Israel after each operation.

## Houthi Attacks that Reached Israel or Downed by Israeli Forces Since October 7, 2023



- » Since U.S. and Israeli forces intercept numerous Houthi projectiles over the Red Sea before they near their targets, incidents recorded as maritime attacks may have been targeting Israel, making the total number of attacks against Israel higher.
- » The Houthis have launched at least 42 projectiles at Israel since the United States began Operation Rough Rider on May 15, with roughly one-third of those projectiles being fired after the United States ended the campaign on May 6.
- Hamas launched 25 percent more projectiles at Israel during May than in April.
  - » Hamas launched 12 projectiles at Israel during May, up from nine during April.

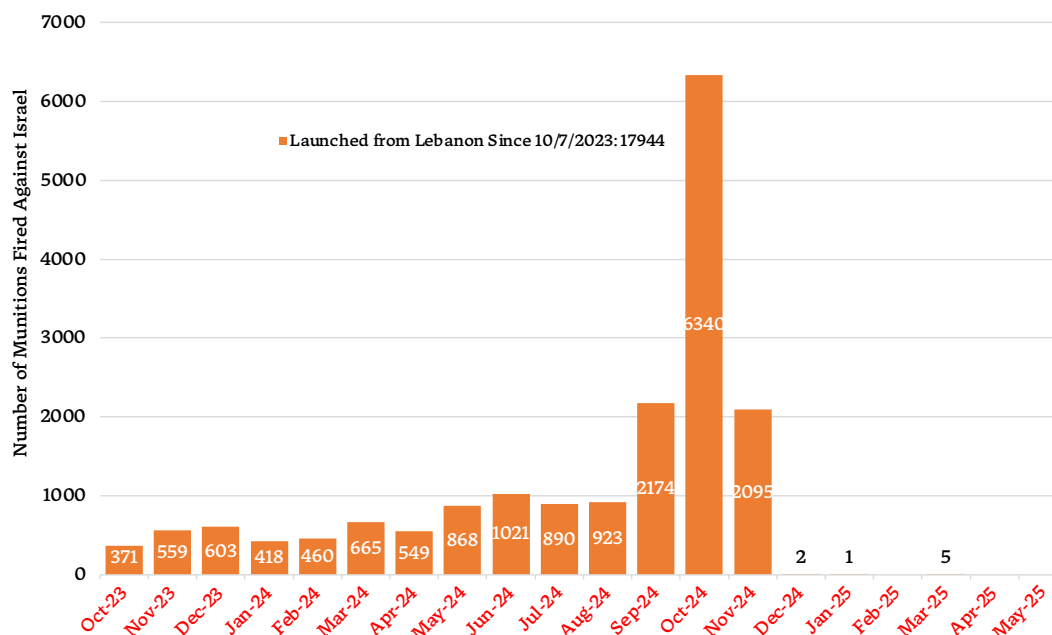
## Projectiles Hamas Launched At Israel Per Month Since October 7, 2023



- In May, Hezbollah did not conduct any projectile attacks against Israel, the first time the terrorist group went two consecutive months without launching an attack since the war began.

### Projectiles Hezbollah Launched At Israel Per Month Since October 7, 2023

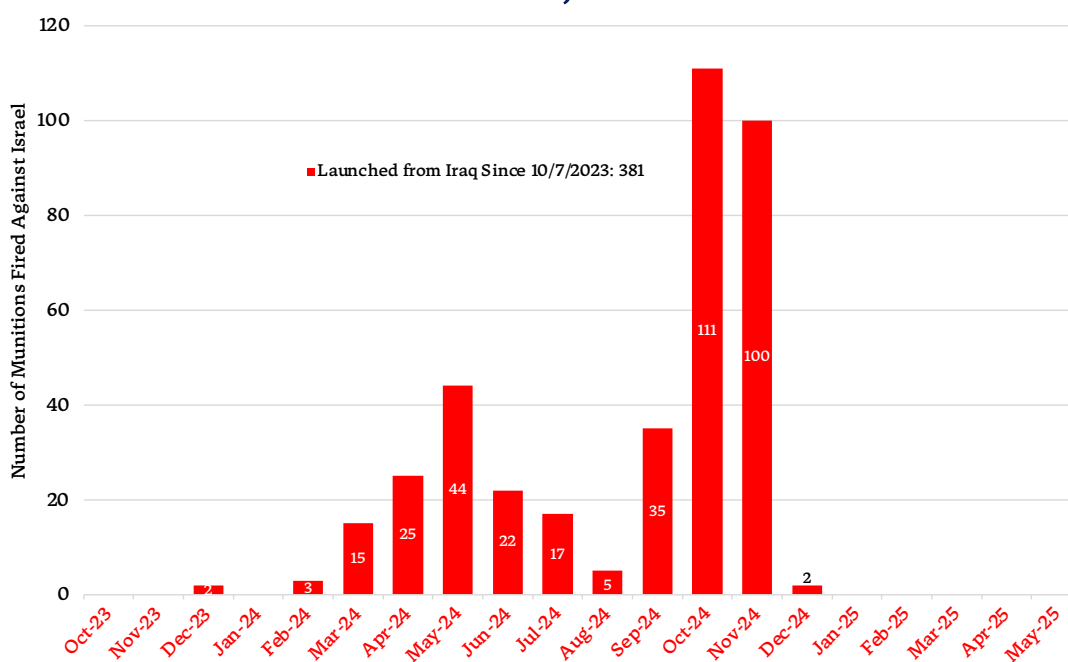
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- Although not a party to the ceasefires, Iran's proxies in Iraq have not launched an attack against Israel since December 2024.
  - » Iran-backed militias in Iraq have launched at least 381 unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and missiles at Israel since October 2023.

### Projectiles Iran-backed Militia in Iraq Launched At Israel Per Month Since October 7, 2023

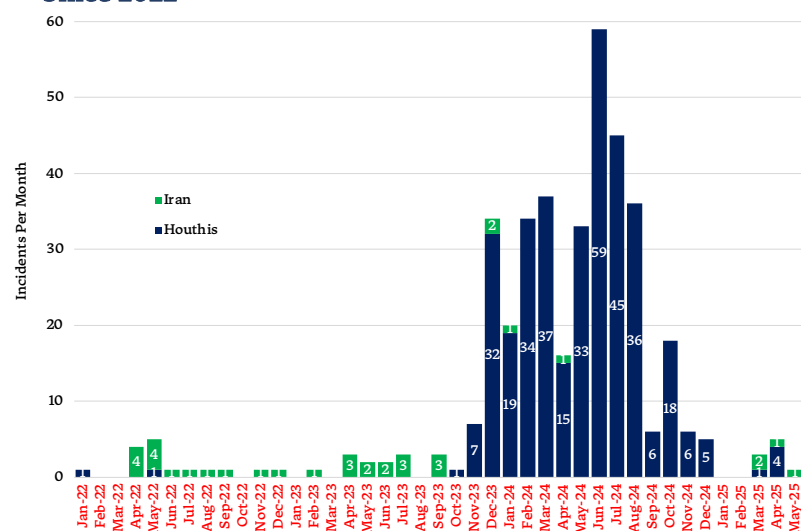
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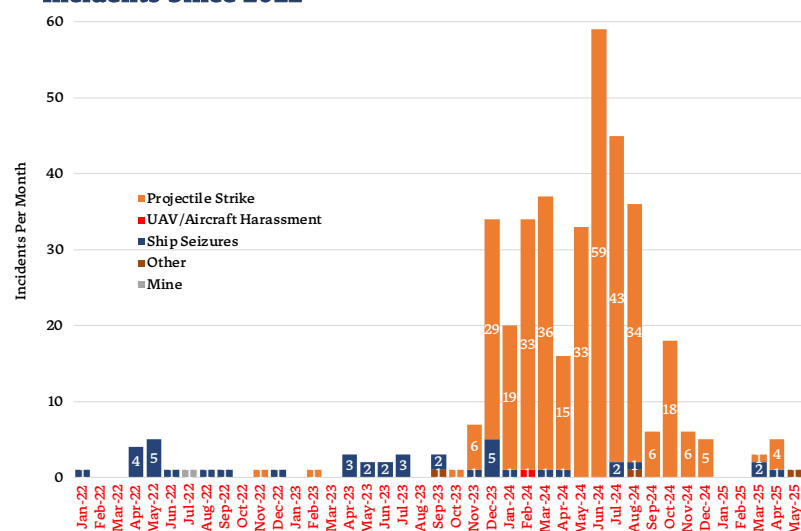
### 3. Iran-linked Projectile Attacks Against Maritime Targets

- There was an 88 percent decrease in Iran-linked maritime aggression during May compared to April.
  - The only incident of Iran-linked maritime aggression in May occurred when an unmanned boat [struck](#) a merchant ship near Kish Island, Iran.
    - It remains unclear whether Iran or the Houthis were responsible for the unmanned boat attack, which bore similarity to previous operations they had conducted, but given the location in the Persian Gulf, it was likely an Iranian operation.
  - If the Houthis were not responsible for the unmanned boat operation, May was the first month since February in which the terrorist group did not launch any attacks against maritime targets.
    - The Houthis have launched at least 696 projectiles against maritime targets since the Iran-backed terrorist group began their escalation in October 2023.

Iran-linked Maritime Aggression Incidents Since 2022



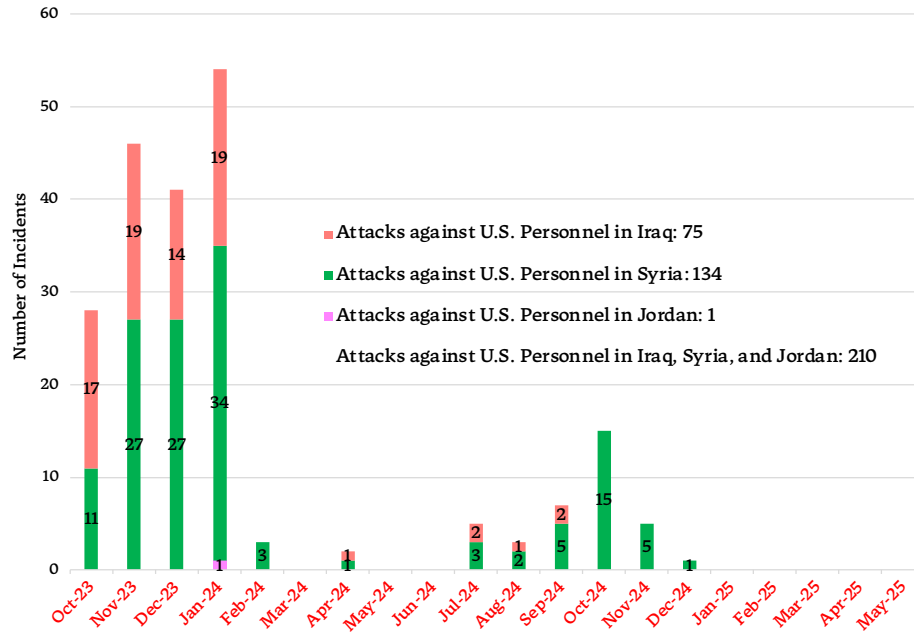
Types of Iran-linked Maritime Aggression Incidents Since 2022



### 4. Iran-linked Projectile Attacks Against U.S. Ground Forces

- In May 2025, Iranian proxies did not launch any attacks against U.S. ground forces in the Middle East, the fifth consecutive month with no such attacks.
  - Iranian proxies have not targeted U.S. forces since December 3, 2024, the longest period without attacks since the war began.
- Iran-backed groups in Iraq and Syria have launched at least 210 attacks involving over 360 rockets, missiles, and drones against U.S. personnel in Iraq, Syria, and Jordan since October 17, 2023.

## Iran-linked Projectile Attacks Against U.S. Personnel Since October 7, 2023



## 5. Iran-linked Malign Activity Against the United States

- In 2025, Iran and its proxies have conducted 19 incidents of malign activity against the United States, which were primarily Houthi attacks against U.S. military ships and aircraft.
  - In 2024, Iran and its proxies conducted nearly as many incidents of malign activity targeting the United States or U.S. personnel (151) as in 2023 (147), most of which consisted of projectile strikes by Iran-backed groups in Iraq and Syria and Houthi strikes, endangering U.S. naval vessels in Middle Eastern waters.

### Iran-linked Malign Activity Against the United States Per Year

