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THREAD

1)
Newsweek — #Iran has sent deadly "Shahed-136 suicide/kamikaze drones" to the Houthis in #Yemen. These advanced UAVs are deployed to the Houthi-controlled northern Yemeni province of Al-Jawf.

More reason why the West should not appease Tehran.
https://t.co/gtNDCGbtQs



2)
#Iran has long provided drones to the Houthis

March 22, 2017
"… seven Houthi Qasef-1 drones and one drone engine recovered by forces from the UAE. Six of the drones were captured in October on a known Iranian smuggling route that runs through Oman…"
https://t.co/HQqQYMQDGV

3)
US to designate #Iran-backed Houthis in #Yemen as a foreign terrorist org (FTO)
https://t.co/ILBCg3Pfvs

Iran's IRGC long funded/armed/trained/provided for the Houthis.

Dec 30—Missile attack on Aden airport. Yemen gov holds Houthis responsible.



4)
#Iran provides at least $360 million, ballistic missiles, other ordnance, technology and training to the Houthis in Yemen.
https://t.co/50SpWuT7W3

5)
The Houthis recently claimed responsibility for a missile attack targeting Saudi Arabia's Aramco oil fields.

6)
Here's footage of Houthi militias in Yemen targeting a UN aid truck.



7)
Yemen

#Iran-backed Houthi militias performing Nazi-style ceremony

"Death to America"
"Death to Israel"
"A curse upon the Jews"



8)
Iran’s apologists/lobbyists are quick to condemn a U.S. move to designate the Houthis as a terrorist org.

@tparsi, founder of Tehran's DC-based lobby arm @NIACouncil

@alivaez, a known protégé of former Iranian regime president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani



9)
MSM carefully plays its role of whitewashing the crimes of the #Iran-backed Houthi terrorists by labeling them as a "movement."

@nytimes
@AJEnglish
@reuters
@FRANCE24

#FakeNews

The New York Times

U.S. to Declare Yemen's Houthis a Terrorist Group, Raising Fears of Fueling a Famine

The State Department's terrorist designation may be more symbolic than searing for the rebel movement, but it could aggravate Yemen's human catastrophe.